

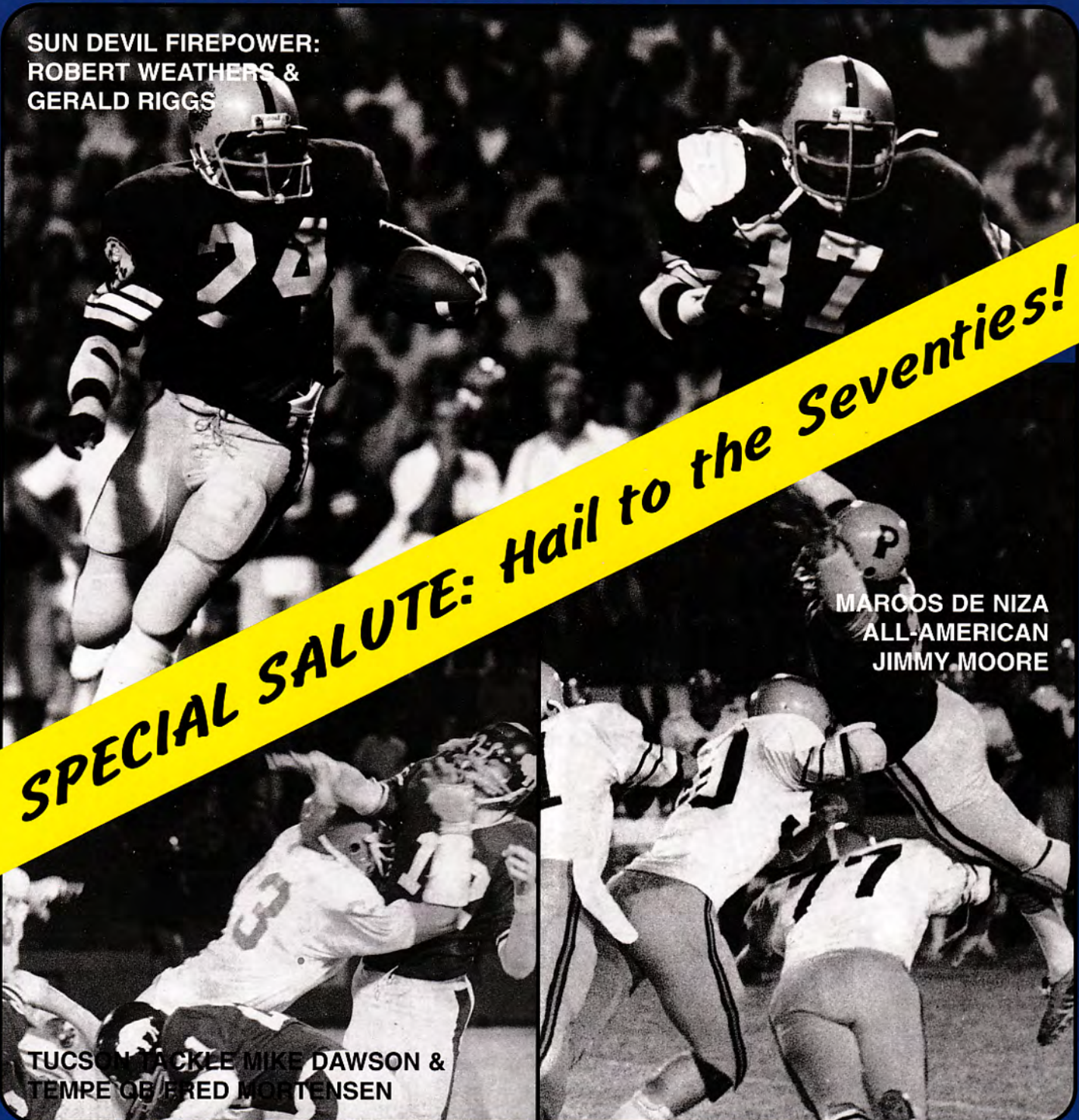
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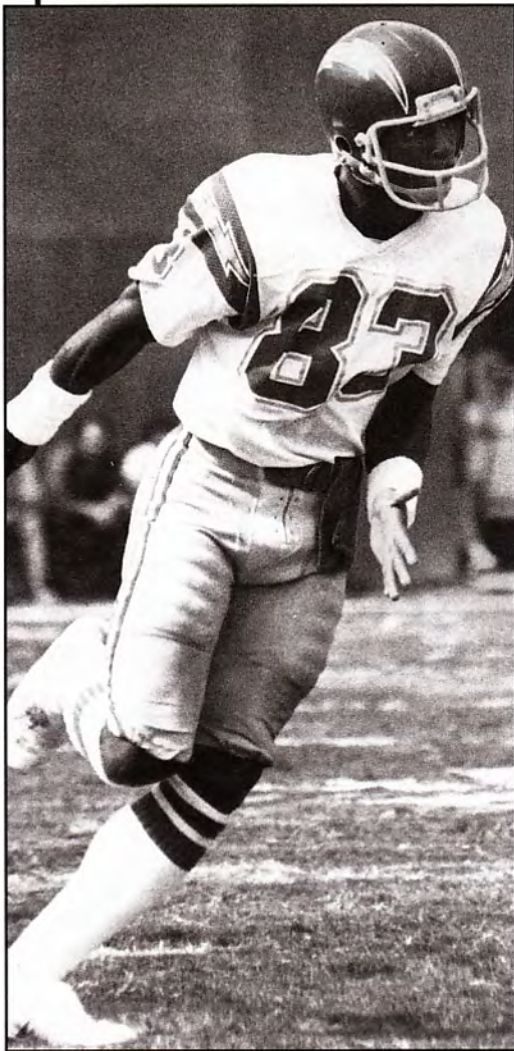
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1980 Stadium Schedule:

Sept. 13.....Houston vs ASU
Sept. 20.....Oregon State vs ASU
Oct. 11Washington State vs ASU
Oct. 25.....Pacific vs ASU
Nov. 8California vs ASU

Nov. 15UCLA vs ASU
Nov. 22Oregon vs ASU
Dec. 4.....Class AAA Semifinals
Dec. 12.....Class AAA Finals
Dec. 26.....Fiesta Bowl X



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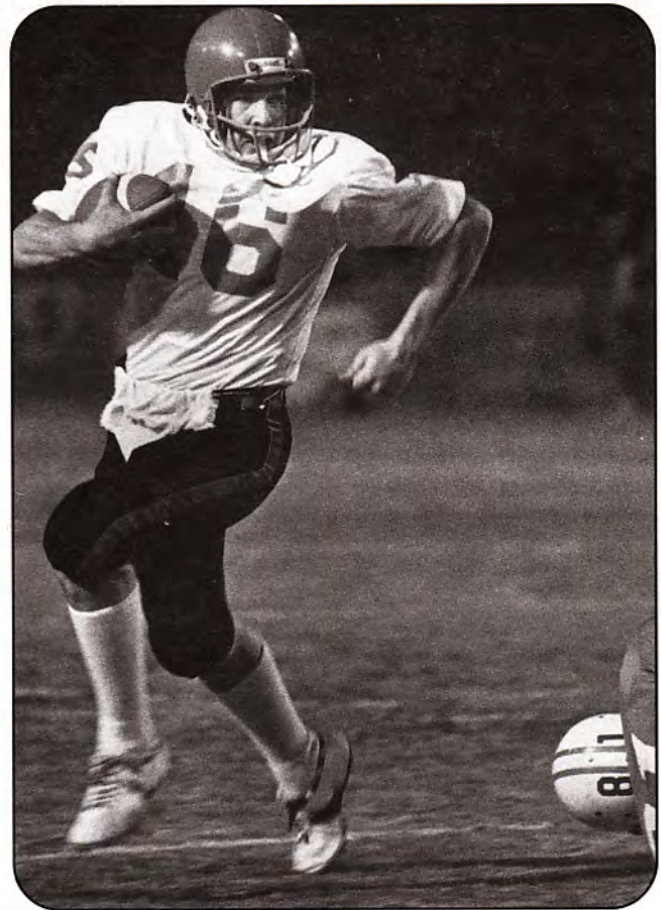
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Salutes the Phoenix Metro Players of the Year

1979....Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
 1978....Rory Barnett, Trevor Browne, RB (jr)
 1977....Mike Pagel, Washington, QB
 1976....Greg Brady, Coronado, QB
 1975....Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, RB/DB
 1974....David Mitchell, St. Mary's, RB (jr)
 1973....Rob Wilson, Coronado, QB/DB
 1972....Keith Sobraski, Coronado, DT
 1971....Fred Mortensen, Tempe, QB
 1970....Bob Breunig, Alhambra, FB/LB
 1969....Danny White, Westwood, QB
 1968....Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, QB
 1967....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, FB
 1966....Bob Soza, Westwood, TB
 1965....Bill Dunning, Mesa, RB
 1964....Richard Griffin, Westwood, T
 1963....Earliest Nelson, South Mountain, RB
 1962....Everett "Moose" Rollins, Arcadia, RB
 1961....Andy Livingston, Mesa, RB
 1960....Ted Lawrence, South Mountain, G
 1959....Bob Olson, South Mountain, RB
 1958....Lewis Albright, Scottsdale, RB
 1957....Eddie Wilson, Chandler, QB
 1956....Warren Livingston, Mesa, RB
 1955....George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, RB
 1954....George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, RB (jr)
 1953....Kenny Aycock, North, RB
 1952....Jack Stovall, St. Mary's, E
 1951....Bob Black, Phoenix Union, E

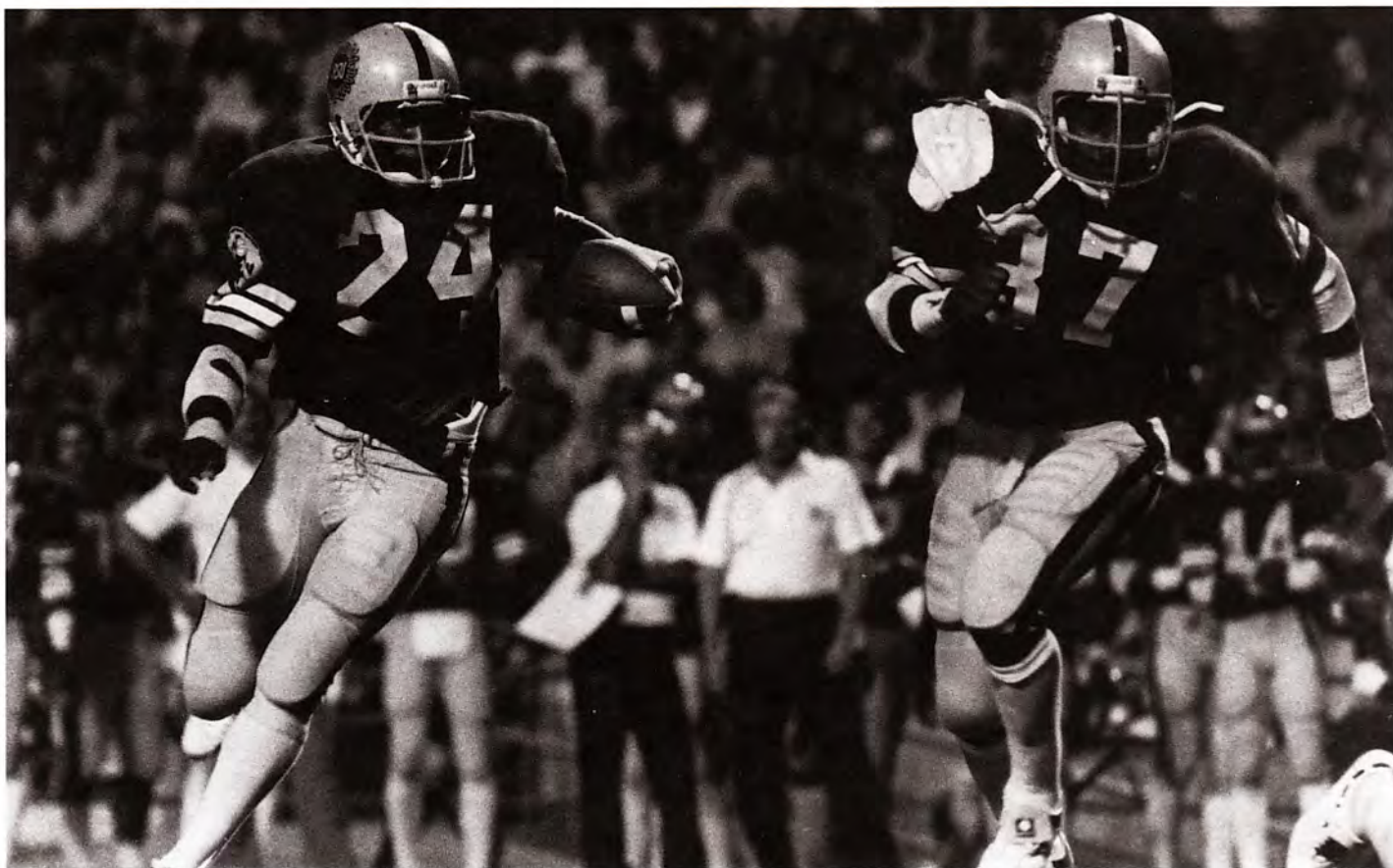


Scottsdale Coronado quarterback Greg Brady.

1950....Gene Mitcham, North, RB
 1949....Danny Seivert, St. Mary's, RB
 1948....Gene Brown, Phoenix Union, FB
 1947....Dan Russell, Mesa, QB
 1946....*Wilford "Whizzer" White, Mesa, RB
 1945....Wilford "Whizzer" White, Mesa, RB (jr)
 1944....Bill Yeoman, Glendale, C
 1943....Bill Yeoman, Glendale, C (jr)
 1942....Jim Nafziger, North, RB
 1941....Auldric Imboden, Mesa, RB
 1940....Pat Higgins, St. Mary's, RB
 1939....Loren LaPrade, Phoenix Union, T
 1938....Horace Griffen, Jr., Mesa, QB
 1937....Horace Griffen, Jr., Mesa, QB (jr)
 1936....Charles Orme, Phoenix Union, T
 1935....Delbert Randall, Glendale, RB
 1934....Paul Callow, Phoenix Union, QB
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The Sun Devils array of running backs includes speedsters Robert Weathers (24) and Gerald Riggs (37), two of the best juniors in the Pac-10 Conference (Tempe Daily News photo).

A-State Rings in Darryl Rogers Era

By GREG HARNEY

Arizona State, a long-time NCAA football power, will be opening a new era in football this fall. Although it may take a bit of time to recover from the nightmare of the '79 season, which included the firing of lone-time mentor Frank Kush, there's little doubt that a bright future looms on the horizon.

In the off-season, ASU was fortunate to attract Darryl Rogers to the head coaching position. It will be Rogers' 16th season as a head coach, with previous stops at Hayward State, Fresno State, San Jose State and Michigan State. His overall record is 92-66-6, a 579 winning percentage.

Rogers plans to run a multi-pro offense. It employs a great deal of passing as well as rushing formations that reflect both an "I" backfield and split backs.

"Diversity will have to be the key to any success that we have," says the new Sun Devil mentor. "We will try to exploit what each defense presents to us."

A big problem for the A-State offense will be replacing graduated quarterback Mark Malone, who was the center of the ASU offense last year. Today Mark resides with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Expected to move into his position is junior Mike Pagel, a 6-2, 210 pound native from Phoenix Washington High School. Pagel has been used in an under-study role to Malone for the past two seasons, and has an unusual amount of experience and confidence for a back-up man.

Another candidate for the quarterback job is sophomore Sandy Osiecki, who led the junior varsity last year in virtually every offensive category. At 6-6, 220-pounds, Osiecki has outstanding physical attributes. His biggest need will be to gain experience. Junior Steve Bratkowski (6-3, 205), a Wisconsin native, is another candidate.

Certainly the strength of the Sun Devils' offense should be the corps of running backs available. The new coach can make any choice imaginable with this group, with the luxury of going with smaller, extremely quick backs like

sophomore Willie Gittens or junior Alvin Moore, or the more powerful runners like Newton Williams, Robert Weathers, Gerald Riggs or Dwaine "Tex" Wright.

Perhaps the top candidate is Weathers, who at 6-2, 210 has all the size necessary to break tackles, but also the added attraction of great speed (9.6), as he was a former member of the A-State track team.

Although last season was his first as a full-time starter, Weathers wasted little time in establishing himself, leading the team with 556 yards rushing, averaging 5.3 yards per carry. He was second to Malone with seven rushing TDs, while catching 12 passes for 169 yards. "As far as we're concerned the running back slots are open," says the new coach. "There are some very talented people and Robert Weathers is one of them. But we're a long way from making a definite selection about our top two. There's still a lot to be learned about our new system."

More good news is available because of the talent listed at the receiving corps.



Joey Lumpkin
LB



Bryan Caldwell
DE

Seniors Ron Washington, John Mistler and Melvin Hoover, along with junior Bernard Henry, will be vying for two starting spots, and each have started at one time or another during their careers.

Last year Mistler, a product of Tucson Sahuaro High, caught 36 passes for 498 yards and four touchdowns. Washington pulled in 25 for 381 yards and two touchdowns, including a 75-yarder against Toledo. Washington, a 9.6 sprinter at Tempe McClintock, has the best overall speed of the bunch and is a candidate for All-America honors.

In the trenches, Rogers will greet four of five starters from last season. Sophomore Dan Mackie (6-6, 256) was a freshman All-America pick and will anchor the offensive line at center. In the guard slots two-year letterman Rod Essley (6-3, 245) will finally get his chance at starting, and junior Darryl Mueske (6-4, 245) is back for two more seasons. Both starting tackles return, and both are juniors: 6-3, 290-pound junior Tony Loia, and 6-6, 250-pound junior John Meyer. Meyer was a former basketball star in high school at Phoenix Alhambra.

Speed and quickness are the bywords for the Arizona State defense this year. The secondary boasts six players who have started at one time or another.

Top name among the list appears to be Michael Richardson, who led all backs in total defensive points. Richardson, who was a frosh All-America, was co-leader on the team in both fumble recoveries and pass interceptions. He was credited with five quarterback sacks.

Sophomore Ron Brown, seniors Mike Lee, Mike Maloney and Ralph Dixon, along with junior Kendall Williams, make up the secondary. Brown, a 5-10, 180-pounder, was a member of A-State's record breaking 400 meter relay team (38.7), and posted an excellent (10.3) 100 meter time.

While the Devils lost three quality linebackers through graduation (Ben Apuna, Gary Padjen, Bob Carl), there are other talented athletes ready to fill the void. At the top of the list is sopho-

Sun Devil Newcomers		
HIGH SCHOOL:		
Pos	Player / Size	School / State
RB	.....Tony Lombardi, 6-1, 210	.....Park Forest (East), Illinois
RB	.....James Malone, 6-0, 180	.....Eloy (Santa Cruz), Arizona
RB	.....Alex Wasil, 6-1, 190	.....Westerville (North), Ohio
WR	.....Mike Witherill, 6-2, 200	.....Okemos (Okemos), Michigan
TE	.....Jerry Good, 6-5, 220	.....Scottsdale (Chaparral), Arizona
TE	.....James Keyton, 6-6, 245	.....Lansing (Eastern), Michigan
OG	.....Danny Croman, 6-2, 250	.....Phoenix (Greenway), Arizona
OG	.....Jack Schram, 6-3, 230	.....Lakewood (Alameda), Colorado
OG	.....Mark Shupe, 6-5, 255	.....Indianapolis (Ben Davis), Indiana
OT	.....Don Cool, 6-5, 245	.....Villa Park (Villa Park), California
OT	.....Marcus Rankins, 6-5, 260	.....Beverly Hills (Beverly Hills), California
OT	.....Phil Wong, 6-3, 200	.....Kailua (Kailua), Hawaii
DT	.....Tom Gerber, 6-4, 220	.....Phoenix (Shadow Mountain), Arizona
OT	.....Don Madden, 6-5, 240	.....Stow (Walsh Jesuit), Ohio
OT	.....Tom Magazzeni, 6-5, 245	.....Richfield (Revere), Ohio
OT	.....Mark Solomon, 6-7, 260	.....San Clemente (San Clemente), California
LB	.....Willie Green, 6-4, 215	.....Youngstown (South), Ohio
LB	.....Eric Stewart, 6-4, 200	.....Grand Rapids (Central), Michigan
DB	.....Terry Anderson, 5-10, 170	.....San Fernando (San Fernando), California
DB	.....Troy Jacobs, 6-2, 195	.....Glendale (Glendale), Arizona
K	.....Jim Osborn, 5-9, 155	.....Kansas City (Rockhurst), Missouri
JUNIOR COLLEGE:		
LB	.....Darren Comeaux, 6-2, 220	.....(San Diego Mesa), California
LB	.....Tom Haberman, 6-3, 230	.....(Columbia Basin College), Washington
LB	.....John Sprein, 6-3, 210	.....(Pasadena City College), California

more Wayne Apuna (brother of Ben), a 6-3, 235-pound frosh All-America selection. Apuna came on strong in the late going last year. Others to watch include sophomore Vernon Maxwell, junior Joey Lumpkin and senior Jimmy Wilson. Maxwell (6-3, 220), a Los Angeles native, saw heavy duty late in the season. Lumpkin (6-2, 223), from nearby Scottsdale, finished as the team's second leading tackler. He was credited with 42 solo tackles, four of which were quarterback sacks.

Possibly the biggest void to be filled will be up front, where ASU lost the services of All-America end Bob Kohrs (Pittsburgh Steelers), as well as veteran tackles Joe Peters (New York Jets) and Tom Allen. Back will be junior end Bryan Caldwell (6-5, 220), a two year letterman who appears ready after being an understudy to two All-Americans in two seasons (Al Harris and Kohrs). As the lone returning starter among the defensive line, Caldwell will have to shoulder some of the burden for this young unit.

In addition to Caldwell, who was second in quarterback sacks (7), junior Reynaldo Peru (6-5, 255) also returns. The former Morenci all-stater could play an intimidating role for the Devils. Sophomores Jim Jeffcoat (6-6, 240), Walt Bowyer (6-6, 225) and Mike White (6-4, 280) had outstanding credentials

coming out of high school and will be in the picture. A name to be reckoned with will be JC transfer Roy Edwards (6-2, 235), who will be counted on to plug up the middle.

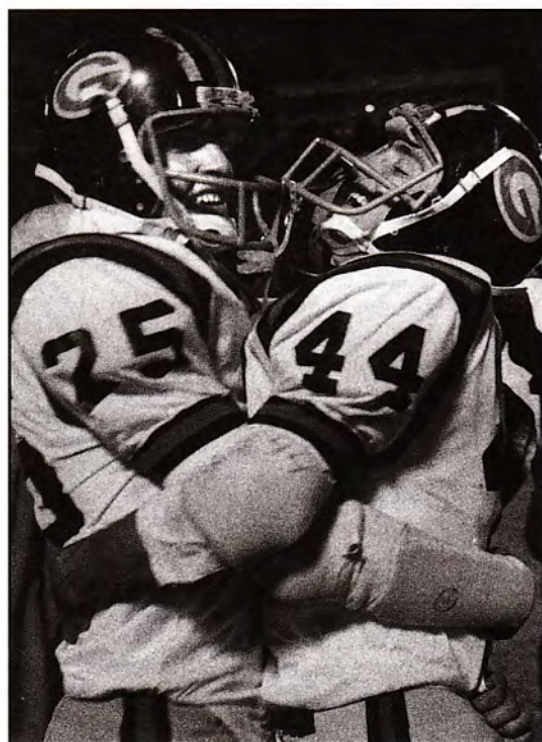
Rogers plans to play a 3-4 defense, allowing some of the more experienced linebackers to take the burden of working the line of scrimmage. Hopefully, the 3-4 approach will help the defensive front develop with help from the linebacking corps.

"We're not very big or deep, but should make up for it with quickness," said Rogers in the spring. "We have good to excellent athletes, and will be looking to our defense in the early going."

Freshmen expected to contribute include defensive back Terry Anderson and linebacker Willie Green. From the junior college ranks the Sun Devils picked up quality athletes in Darrin Comeaux from San Diego and Tom Haberman from Washington. Both could offer immediate help to the linebacker positions.

The Sun Devils strength may wind up being in the speciality units. Starters return in all categories. Like last year, speedsters Willie Gittens and Ron Washington will handle the punt and kickoff returns. Sophomore Mike Black is back to punt as is place kicker Scott Peterson.

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QBBob Guidice, St. Mary's, 6-0, 190
 QBTrent Hutchinson, South Mountain, 6-3, 185
 QBDarrell Grissum, Phoenix Union, 6-2, 178
 HB.....Robby Foster, Shadow Mountain, 5-9, 165
 HB.....Fabian Fierro, Tolleson, 5-10, 165
 FBJohn Knight, Apollo, 6-1, 215
 FBJimmy Williams, Tempe, 6-2, 205
 WR.....Randy Hayes, Scottsdale, 6-2, 185
 WR.....James Sosinski, McClintock, 6-4, 180
 WR.....Glenn Dennard, Corona del Sol, 5-10, 160 (jr)
 OL.....Charles Dickey, Saguaro, 6-2, 205
 OL.....Jim Ford, Paradise Valley, 6-1, 215
 OL.....Larry Parker, Trevor Browne, 6-4, 210
 OL.....John Kohl, Washington, 6-2, 200
 OL.....Joe Williams, Apache Junction, 6-1, 215
 LBJulius Wright, South Mountain, 6-1, 195
 LBAnthony Piazza, Saguaro, 6-2, 220
 DLTom Briebl, Gerard Catholic, 6-3, 210
 DLMike Lunkin, Sunnyslope, 6-4, 205
 DLRick Huber, Thunderbird, 6-3, 205
 DLMike Rusinek, Camelback, 6-3, 210
 DB.....Mickey Bell, Cactus, 5-10, 175
 DB.....John Heffron, Moon Valley, 6-0, 180
 DB.....Kevin Van Norman, Mountain View, 5-11, 165
 PK.....Frank Coen, McClintock, 5-10, 165
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 Don Tracey, Thunderbird, 6-0, 185
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Darrell Grissum
Phoenix Union
QB



Jimmy Williams
Tempe
FB

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 Ray Stapley, Camelback, 6-2, 210
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Saguaro
OT

David McNamara, Mesa, 6-1, 170
Steve Palmer, Saguaro, 6-2, 180 (jr)
Rick Reitano, Washington, 5-10, 150
Danny Roderick, Agua Fria, 5-9, 160
Mike Rogers, Coronado, 6-1, 180 (jr)
Tim Schmidt, Brophy Prep, 6-0, 170
Mike Seaton, Camelback, 5-9, 145
Randy Simmers, Trevor Browne, 5-11, 180
John Smithbaker, Horizon, 5-9, 155 (jr)
Kevin Van Norman, Mtn. View, 5-11, 165
Terry Walters, Phoenix Union, 5-11, 180
Kevin White, Casa Grande, 6-1, 180



Tom Briebl
Gerard Catholic
DT



Anthony Piazza
Saguaro
LB

Kurt Widmer, Saguaro, 5-11, 225
Bob Williams, Shadow Mountain, 6-8, 260

deep backs

Mickey Bell, Cactus, 5-10, 175
Steve Charleton, Saguaro, 5-10, 160 (jr)
John Coleman, Mountain View, 5-10, 170
Doug Diehl, Phoenix Christian, 6-1, 185
Troy Garcia, Cactus, 5-10, 150
Scott Graham, Alhambra, 6-1, 190
Shane Hallford, Thunderbird, 6-1, 175
John Heffron, Moon Valley, 6-0, 180
Danny Hinds, McClintock, 6-2, 165
Jim Jeffries, Chandler, 6-0, 160 (jr)
Kyle Jorgenson, Westwood, 6-0, 155
David Marquez, Apache Jct., 5-10, 165 (jr)

linebackers

Chuck Abbadessa, McClintock, 5-7, 160
Pat Bailey, Mountain View, 6-0, 185
Dwight Behrens, Moon Valley, 6-0, 180
Nolan Brown, Carl Hayden, 6-2, 190
Todd French, McClintock, 6-3, 215
Craig Hunsaker, Arcadia, 6-0, 180
John Kanter, Camelback, 5-10, 180
Tom Kirkegaard, Gerard, 6-1, 180
Greg Land, McClintock, 6-3, 185
John Motta, Cortez, 6-0, 175
Tony Peters, Corona del Sol, 6-0, 175
Jason Peterson, Chaparral, 6-1, 185
Anthony Piazza, Saguaro, 6-2, 220
Nick Piazza, Saguaro, 6-1, 185 (jr)
Todd Raines, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 185
Darrin Sanders, Saguaro, 6-1, 195
Ruben Serna, Scottsdale, 5-9, 165

Darrin Tupper, T. Browne, 5-11, 205 (jr)
Julius Wright, South Mountain, 6-1, 195

kickers

Frank Coen, McClintock, 5-10, 165
Randy Hayes, Scottsdale, 6-2, 185
Jeff Jarko, Scottsdale, 6-0, 175
John Kanter, Camelback, 5-10, 180
John Knight, Apollo, 6-1, 215
Troy Lawton, Moon Valley, 6-1, 160
Todd Leland, Arcadia, 5-11, 168 (jr)
Brian Mealey, Chaparral, 6-0, 185 (jr)
Jim Nimitz, Saguaro, 6-0, 170 (jr)
Todd Raines, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 185
Rusty Steph, Gilbert, 6-1, 165
Alex Yanez, Gilbert, 5-10, 200 (jr)

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If Mountain View continues to roll, this could become a familiar sight. Head coach Jesse Parker gets a victory ride at Sun Devil Stadium.

Mountain View's Toros Start on Top

Central Division

What a difference a decade makes. Ten years ago, the preseason favorite entering the 1970 Valley high school campaign was Phoenix Union. Those talented Coyotes, winners of 25 state championships, finished 11-1 after falling to Sunnyslope in the AAA semifinals. Since then the once mighty Coyotes have taken hits from all directions.

Their head coach then, Bill Saunders, is now at rival Camelback. Four different coaches have walked the PU sidelines. An enrollment decline has eroded much of the school's talent pool. Only three different teams in 10 years have produced winning records. Yes, times have changed.

Over in the East Valley, Central Division power Mountain View, coached by former Camelback mentor Jesse Parker, might have the tools to match his 1978 squad, which marched to a state championship - his second since joining the Arizona coaching ranks 11 years ago.



In four quick years Jesse Parker has built Mountain View into a state power. Parker's clubs have gone 4-3-1, 9-0, 13-1 and 10-1 in Toroland. Last year's club won 10 straight games before bowing to rival Mesa 20-19 in the first round of the state playoffs. It ended a 23-game winning streak. This year's team is raring to go. "We expect to have an excellent team," says Parker. "We'll be smaller than last year and inexperienced, but quicker and deeper." John Coleman (5-10, 180), who doubles at safety, should start at quarterback. Last year he started nine games. One of his main targets will be wingback Kevin Van Norman, a 5-11,

165-pound senior with good hands. Along the line watch tackle Jeff Roberts (6-3, 215), center Mark Lerdall (5-11, 180), guard Mike Bryant (5-11, 180), and tackles Rod Palmer (6-0, 190), Keith Skousen (5-10, 200) and Pat Bailey (6-0, 185). Bryant and Bailey are starting linebackers. Quarterback Jim Buranti (5-8, 155), fullback Mike Edison (5-10, 180) and halfback David Hoopes (5-9, 170) will work at the skill positions. Junior Scott Standage will handle the kicking.



Coached by Karl Kiefer, McClintock has compiled the best AAA record in the state during the past decade. "We have the

potential to be the best team in Arizona," says the veteran coach, evaluating his upcoming edition. With six starters back on offense and half-a-dozen back from the defense, there's ample reason for optimism. Senior Jim Fossenkemper (6-0, 160) should start at quarterback, with Mike Arthur and Terry Payne at running backs. The receiving chores will fall into the capable hands of James Sosinski (6-4, 180), Kelly Greer and Mike Griffith. Jeff Case, Ken Ivory, Tim Judge, Chris Rosner, Jon Warren and Richard Young will provide the backbone of the interior line. The Chargers have a terrific collection of small but talented linebackers, including Chuck Abbadessa, Dick Baniszewski, Greg Land, Tad Thomas, Tim Whitlock and Todd French, who doubles at tackle. Not to be outdone is the secondary, which boosts the skills of seniors Danny Hinds, Mike Popkins and Charlie Marshall. Sosinski, French and Hinds are regulars, and three of the best in the region. Junior Tim Casey (6-3, 205) is a promising tight end. Frank Coen is a reliable place kicker. He booted a city record 52 extra points in 1979. McClintock missed the playoffs last season with a 6-3-1 mark. Look for them to battle back into the championship picture, with a shot at the Central Division A-League title.



Don't count Mesa out of the Central A-League race. They finished with a so-so 8-6 slate, but it was good enough for a berth in the AAA championship game. A string of late-season victories landed the Jackrabbits in the state finals, where they bowed to Tucson Amphitheater 27-0. Head coach Ben Arredondo describes the upcoming campaign as a "rebuilding" one. Look for his 'Rabbits to open up and throw the ball more. But only one regular on both sides of the ball returns. Gary Akers (5-10, 170) and Alex Contreras (6-0, 175) look to set up shop in the backfield, along with quarterback prospects David McNamara (6-1, 170) and Chris Stanfield (6-1, 180). McNamara and Mike Hodges could start in the secondary. Kevin Kotsur (6-2, 220) and Doug Davis (6-1, 200) are capable two-way linemen.

It's possible for Mesa to finish third in league play, but still be among the top five in the state. The 'Rabbits should be highly competitive.

1980 Phoenix Metro Prep Poll

1. Mountain View Toros
2. McClintock Chargers
3. Apollo Hawks
4. Camelback Spartans
5. Corona del Sol Aztecs
6. Trevor Browne Bruins
7. Mesa Jackrabbits
8. Gilbert Tigers
9. Scottsdale Beavers
10. Moon Valley Rockets
11. St. Mary's Knights
12. Glendale Cardinals
13. Tempe Buffaloes
14. Washington Rams
15. Thunderbird Chiefs
16. Shadow Mountain Matadors
17. Maryvale Panthers
18. Agua Fria Owls
19. Westwood Warriors
20. South Mountain Rebels



Chaparral finished with the best record (8-3) in the school's history, but it's large collection of underclassmen will have to mature in a hurry to battle Mountain View and McClintock. Second year coach Tom Stincic has a mixture of veterans and green players. Last year's A-League champs have six starters back. Halfbacks Jerry Harper (5-9, 165, jr.) and Arn Nihula (5-11, 170) pace the offense, while linebacker Jason Peterson (6-1, 190) and tackle John Brooks (6-2, 235) head the defense. The line looks solid, with Daryle Gelfan (6-2, 210), Tom Schorsch (6-1, 185), Jay Minker (6-2, 210) and Mark Spencer (6-2, 180) projected starters. Spencer also plays linebacker. Look for Dan Boudette at quarterback. Barclay Logan, Scott Couchlin and junior Lee Bishop make up the secondary. Brian Mealey, another junior, is the Firebirds' kicker.



Veteran Lonnie Foster has nine starters back at Chandler, with junior quarterback-safety Jim Jeffries (6-0, 160) and fullback-defensive tackle James Miller (6-1, 200) expected stars. The Wolves could bounce back from a 2-7-1 finish if more good play comes from tight end Chad Shell, split receiver Lester Walker and junior running back Marty Jackson, a real burner. The Wolves' schedule consists of seven playoff teams from last year.



Yuma, with 20 returning players, including 12 starters, should keep out of the A-League cellar again. Second-year coach Gary Ventura hopes to improve last year's 2-8 finish with solid play - week after week - from the likes of two-way star Kevin Kehl, a 6-0, 195-pound fullback-linebacker. The Criminals' passing game looks improved, and the team has good size.



Look for Tempe to give Westwood all it can handle in the B-League race. With all-state candidate Jimmy Williams (6-2, 205) plowing for yardage, the fullback-linebacker could be the league's most coveted player. He scored five touchdowns and threw a TD pass in 1979. The potential college prospect is more dangerous at linebacker. Coach Jim Murphy's squad returns half the lineup, including flanker Mike Nesbit, quarterback Steve Ybarra and tailback Rich Carrias, a junior who has Williams blocking in front of him. Up front, the Buffaloes (7-3 in '79) rely upon steady play from linemen Mark Claahsen, Ron Wallace, Dave Belousek, Duke McDonald, Don Carrethers and Jim Warne, a 6-6, 240-pound junior.



Westwood, based on returning players, will battle Tempe for B-League honors. The Warriors, coached by Jerry Loper, should provide a stiff challenge. Look for solid play from backs Joe Wagner (6-0, 200), Marlow Crandall (6-1, 170), Paul Butler (5-9, 170), Chris Hunt (5-9, 170), David Whitlock (5-11, 185) and Jeff Stetson (5-10, 165). All are seniors. Crandall is the Warriors' quarterback. Wagner doubles at linebacker. Two-way lineman Curt Harris (6-1, 205) is another key figure, along with tackle Jeff Carter, center Bill Udall, linebacker Mark Richardson and safety Kyle Jorgenson. Overall, eight starters return from a 9-3 playoff squad.



The Sabercats, two years removed from a state championship game, return several experienced players, but is minus a quarterback. There's lots of prospects, but no clear favorite. Junior Steve Palmer (6-3, 180), a good athlete who also plays basketball, might get the nod. He's also a good defensive back. Saguario will be led by two all-state prospects, linebacker-fullback Anthony Piazza (6-2, 220) and guard-linebacker Charlie Dickey (6-2, 205), two of the top players in the Valley. Junior Nick Piazza (6-1, 185) is another quality linebacker. If the 'Cats find a quality passer, his receiving corps is set, with the likes of tight ends Mark Casey and Dave Wilson, along with wideout Dave McCalmont. Casey is a junior. Kurt Widmer, Darrin Sanders, Ray Fitzpatrick and Wade Nelson, a 5-11, 195-pound sophomore, are quality linemen. Backs Steve Charleton, Mike Swann and Dave Newstead are good skill players. Junior Jim Nimitz is the team's kicker. In three of the past six years, Bob Keller's forces have reached the state playoffs, including a 1978 campaign in which the 'Cats finished runnerup to Mountain View in the state finals.



First year coach Frank Castro takes over the Padres program, whose 3-7 finish was the lowest since the varsity began play in 1972. Stan Colgate (6-2, 170), a quarterback-defensive back, looks like the Padres best player. In fact, Colgate is one of several good skill players, including halfbacks Chris Parham and Kerrick Hooks, along with receivers Kent Meeks, Mike Plitcha and James Singleton, a junior who doubles in the secondary. Center Craig Fitzgerald (6-3, 230) will also handle the kicking.



Graduation ceremonies almost cleaned out the Dons starting lineup. Fourth-year coach Tom Dahl returns only one starter from a 7-2-1 club which missed a playoff berth by one game. With so many good, young players, Dahl's club may be one year away. In fact, most of his top players look like juniors, including running backs Scott Bucher (5-11, 185) and Mike Rogers (6-1, 180). Linebacker Todd Cooklin and tackle Kevin O'Neil are also underclassmen. Seniors John Cocci and Jeff Thibault make up the receiving corps. Little Mike Cordova is a tough defensive lineman. Newcomer Frank Rudolph, a 6-0, 180-pound junior, looks promising.



Like Coronado, B-League rival Kofa returns little varsity experience and has few big players. Team speed is one strong point, and first-year coach Curt Weber hopes to build on that. Like most Kofa teams, players will be called upon to do double duty. This year guard-linebacker Chris Cleary (6-0, 190) and tight end-linebacker Greg Kleine (6-0, 195) look like the best of the two-way players.

Skyline Division

Apollo, with 22 returning players from a 10-3 state semifinalist, appears to be the logical choice to win the Skyline Division race. Look for stiff competition from B-League favorite Moon Valley, whose ground game and tough defense could carry the Rockets far.



Apollo coach Earl McQuiston likes his chances. Last year's Hawks finished their season in Sun Devil Stadium. A 7-3 semifinal loss to eventual state champ Amphitheater ending their season at 10-3. Over 20 regulars return, including some of the best players in the region. Senior John Knight (6-1, 215) is the team's leader. The fullback-linebacker is one of the state's best all-round players. He also handles the kicking game. He booted a 33-yard field goal in the semifinals, and hit three against Phoenix Cortez, including a 42-yarder. Other quality players include halfback Jim Meeks, two-way end T.J. Gallagher, safety Steve Nelson, and linemen Kevin Horne, John Salem, Greg Slamka, and twins Larry and Jerry Lopez. Like Salem, the Lopez brothers are juniors. It looks like Craig Stone, a 6-0, 180 pound senior, will fight it out with Brock Heathcotte at quarterback.



On paper, Shadow Mountain might have its best team ever. Coach Dick McKivergan returns nine starters, including veteran quarterback Ken Entwhistle (5-10, 175) and all-league halfback Robby Foster (5-9, 165), one of the best around. With Greg Meehan, Cordy Bird and Bob Strachan in the lineup, the Matadors also have a quality receiving corps. Their secondary, with Brandon Nixon, Don Samra, David Potts and possibly Eric Tannemacher, is just as impressive. Bob Williams (6-8, 260) and Jeff Manno (5-11, 215) anchor a large but inexperienced line.



Cortez finished runnerup to Apollo last year, but heavy graduation losses and little experience on the line spell trouble. Second-year coach Jimmy Jones hopes his skill players make the difference. That could happen. Oak Walton (5-11, 175), an all-league flanker, is back. Karl Thorn (5-11, 170) and Louis Nightingale (5-10, 165) will vie for the quarterback spot. Halfback Tom Cisek might get most of the carries. Andy Hernandez, a 230-pound guard, and tackle Rick Lahood anchor the thin line. John Motta is a small but fast linebacker. Mike Lanese is the Colts' place kicker. One strength is the secondary, where Scott Vaughn, Dave Ladick and Brian Davis roam.



Too many underclassmen face Trevor Stinson and his staff at Brophy. Two years removed from the state finals, the Broncos will be forced to start too many green players. But overall team speed and the quarterback potential of Steve Dodenhoff paint a bright future. Dodenhoff (5-9, 160) has good instincts, but could be pushed for the job by junior Curt Bruggman. Both look good. Promising junior Greg Gordon has lots of friends in the backfield, including Bob LeMarr, Sean Kelly and stellar safety Tim Schmidt. Linemen Brian Robertson and John Trusiak are starters. Junior Matt Valder is a good kicker.



The Demons, like rival Brophy, poses a good collection of skill position players, but little experience on the line. Coach Mike Danielek hopes to improve last year's one-win season and move up in the

A-League standings. Ten returning regulars should help improve an anemic offense which failed to score in 10 games. To get this done, quarterback John Van Tussenbroek has to get the ball to fullback Mike Edwards (5-11, 187), halfback John Philbrick, or receivers like Mike Fredericks and Tim Butler. Philbrick is a junior. Sophomore John Gillespie is a promising two-way back. Tackle Brad Allison and junior Pat Ryan (6-2, 215) join guards Kelly Epley and Jim Bouie to give Greenway a much improved forward wall. Bouie is a 6-1, 205-pound sophomore. Tim Schlink is a good two-way player. Mike Barrett will handle the place kicking. With so many young players the Demons appear one year away.



The Rockets are another top-flight Skyline Division team and favorites among coaches to annex the B-League crown. Long-time mentor Earl (Tiny) Putman returns a trio of super players and the backbone for a playoff contender. Scatback Darryl Walker (5-11, 165) should be near the top of the rushing statistics. He also starts in the secondary. Another good one is quarterback Troy Lawton (6-1, 160), a seasoned player who will set the tone when the Rockets have the ball. He also handles the punting. Backs Jerome Riddle, Ken Kirtley, Chris Adams and Scott Ray make Moon Valley strong at the skill positions. Tight end Glenn Barr and wideout Duncan Jacobs are receiving threats. Bill Roberts handles the place kicking. Standout on the defensive unit is all-league back John Heffron (6-0, 180), a definite all-state candidate. The line looks unproven, but guard Dwight Behrens (6-0, 180) should provide plenty of spark.



St. Mary's, one of the region's smallest teams, opens on the road at Mountain View, so it won't take Pat Farrell long to

find out what he has. For sure he has a top-flight quarterback in senior Bob Gudice (6-0, 190), one of the region's best. His 1,300 yards offense was the only bright spot during an uncharacteristic 3-7 season. In 5-8, 155-pound flanker Kendall Grubbs, the Knights have a good, speedy receiver. Senior Scott Baldwin (5-9, 175) returns to the backfield. Junior Wendell Jones is a breakaway threat. The line looks improved with the return of veterans Dan Ullery (6-1, 195) and Henry Cano (5-11, 185). Last year's three-win season was the worst at this Catholic school in 16 years.



The Chiefs, another Skyline contender, have some rebuilding to do. But Mike Clark's crew, 8-2-1 last year, has the train on the right track. Thunderbird begins the season as the reigning B-League champs, but only six regulars return. However, good team speed and improved strength from off-season work has paid off. The backfield features quarterback Rick Huber (6-3, 205), a two-way prospect who doubles at defensive end. In addition to Huber, the Chiefs have two-way backs Don Tracey, Chuck Kirkpatrick, Rick Ulloa and junior Fred Lula. Shane Hallford can double at wide receiver-defensive back. Center Jeff Brown (6-2, 205) anchors the young line, along with two-way starter Glenn Marion. Most of the Chiefs' starting linemen will pull double duty. Kevin Murphy handles the kicking chores. If the line holds up, T'bird could be in the playoffs again.



On paper the road looks rough for the Rams, since only four starters return. But look for Washington to bump heads with Moon Valley, St. Mary's and Thunderbird in the B-League race. Coach Dave Swerdfeger has a good mixture of veterans and talented juniors. The backfield shapes up with Brady Garrison (5-10,

160) at quarterback, junior Brent Wood (5-10, 185) at fullback, and Rick Reitano (5-10, 150) at wingback. Wood can really run with the football. Reitano also starts in the secondary. The Rams have a great blocker in John Kohl (6-2, 200), a two-way tackle. Junior center Jim Carreno, junior linebacker Mike Bechtold, and defensive end Bob Gudeman add support. Ends Terry Flood and Dean Dilullo have good speed. Barry Brewster will handle the place kicking. The Rams may have a shot at the playoffs.



It was close but no cigar for Sunnyslope (8-2), which missed the playoffs by one game. Bill Kee, former coach at Phoenix Central, replaces Tom Wheatley at the helm, with seven regulars and 22 lettermen waiting. The Vikings have a strong line with tackles Mike Lunkin (6-4, 205) and Barry Pond (6-1, 190) in the lineup. Center Mike Jennings (5-11, 210) anchors it. Pat Teague and Ted Anderson start at linebacker, with talented Joe Mansour and Doug Delbrook roaming the secondary. Sophomore Mike Evans might get the call at quarterback. In fact, the Vikings' entire backfield could be underclassmen, with the junior Scott DeSeelhorst and soph Bill Tsakiris likely seeing playing time.



Former Paradise Valley star Ron Barela takes over the Trojans' program, which won only one game last year. It could be between PV and Prescott for the cellar spot, since lots of young athletes moved to new Horizon High. Ironically, the Trojans open against the new school. Senior tackle Jim Ford (6-1, 215) is the team's anchor on the line, and the school's top prospect. Todd Rawlinson (5-11, 175) appears to be the best running back. Rawlinson, Todd Fisher and Marshall Robinson make for a better than average running game. Devin Sothan and Tom Sues are good pass catchers. Versatile

Steve Webber plays guard, linebacker and handlers the kicking game.



Second-year coach Bill Gahn was rocked by graduation, which claimed 22 regulars from a 4-6 team. Still, his Badgers might have good depth up front, plus better than average speed at the skill positions. Top players include tackle Ken Lain (6-2, 215) and nose guard Curt Devereaux (5-11, 175). Linebacker John Carboun and halfback Chris Thompson look promising as well. The Badgers could play the role of a spoiler.

Phoenix Division

Keeping track of this new, revamped league won't be easy. The A-League's 10-team setup is the state's largest. The B-League is made up mostly of teams from the Phoenix Metro Region, with Camelback a strong favorite. The Spartans head coach, Bill Saunders, was once the long-time mentor at once powerful Phoenix Union.



This could be the Spartans' year. On paper, Camelback could have its best team in several years. Few B-League school's return as many players at Bill Saunders' club. The Spartans won only three games, but played almost everybody tough. Sixteen regulars - including seven key starters - form the nucleus of a potentially strong team. Senior Jack Cuddihy (5-10, 175) is the Spartans' field general. Good backs abound, starting with Joe Delduco (5-10, 180), John Kanter (5-10, 180) and Bill Crabtree (5-9, 175). Kanter plays fullback and safety. Crabtree returns punts. Little Mike Seaton (5-9, 145) is a standout in the secondary. Ray Stapley (6-2, 210), who doubles at linebacker, is the Spartans' center. The best player defends the front wall, 6-3, 210-pound tackle Mike Rusinek. Scott Jennings is the Spartans' place kicker.



If Camelback falters down the stretch, look for Trevor Browne to step right in. The Bruins return nine starters from last year's 10-2 playoff squad. And depth is a strongpoint. No player should have to go both ways. But if one does, it could be Alabama transfer Melvin Howard (6-3, 200), a highly touted fullback. With the addition of Howard, quarterback Alan Head (5-10, 175) has lots of choices in the backfield, including Rick Pickett, Scott Reynolds and Edrick Moreland. Randy Simmers is a quality defensive back. Tackle Larry Parker (6-4, 210), a potential college prospect, joins Brian Spurlock, Mike Loya and Ken Mills in the trenches. Look for junior Darrin Tupper at linebacker. Dean Lavilla handles the team's kicking.



Maryvale, a state semifinalist last year, was hit hard by graduation and could find the going rough this year. Only two starters greet first-year coach Buck Hall, who replaces the popular Bob Young at the controls. Young, who left for the college ranks, won 75% of his games in nine seasons. Hall, a former Panther assistant, returns 5-10, 175 pound star Pete Nickerson, one of the B-League's best backs. Don Conant (5-10, 170) is another good runner. Quarterback Rich Ayott (5-9, 165), a backup last year, saw valuable playing time. Tackle Kent Boden (6-3, 215), receiver Ray Williams and kicker Barry McMillon should start. As always, speed is a strong point at this Phoenix school.



The Rebels, speedy as always, have a passing game to go along with their usual strong ground game, plus seven returning

starters. With 6-1, 195 pound quarterback Trent Hutchinson, veteran coach Earl Clupper has a potential college prospect. The slick senior threw 10 touchdown passes last year and rushed for six, guiding South through a 7-3 campaign. But the best player might be on the defensive side of the ball, 6-1, 195 pound linebacker Julius Wright, another college prospect. Wide receiver Michael Greer (5-10, 175), a real burner, is the team's kick returner. Two-way players Gary Anderson, Vince Meyers and David Kelly are dangerous. Kelly is a junior. Richard Page is a small but quick linebacker. With good skill players the Rebels could match last year's 7-3 finish.



Head coach Jack Kersting returns eight starters from last year, plus a quicker, more experienced team. If the injury bug stays away, the Lions (5-6) could last at least one game longer in the B-League playoffs. Senior Rick Estrella (5-11, 165) returns at quarterback. His best game was a four touchdown night against North. On the ground, little Phillip Pippins (5-8, 150) is the go-to guy. He's just a junior. Running mate Scott Graham (6-1, 190), with 4.8 speed, also plays safety. Burham Graham (6-1, 203) doubles at tight end-linebacker. Last year, Maryvale ended the Lions' season in the first round of the playoffs, 30-13.



Graduation cleaned out the house at Central, and the Bobcats are looking at a coaching change as well. Last year's solid team, 9-2 under Bill Kee, welcomes former assistant George Endres, but only four returning regulars. In 1979, Central won nine straight games before suffering defeat. Except for receiver Ben Richardson (5-10, 150) and halfback Mike Mackey (5-11, 165), few players with experience return. Quarterback Ben Prock and halfback Joe Macinnis fill in the backfield. The outlook is bleak.



Winless West hopes to find the win column with eight returning regulars. Coach Gene Cox also hopes to find a quarterback. For sure, he has several good linemen, like Mike Schildts (6-1, 190), Mike Brown (6-4, 225), and Russ Stovall (5-10, 200), a junior center. Backs Steve Malloy, Dave Seldon and Cliff Doss add punch. John Goldsmith, Tim O'Conner, John Abril, Jeff Dunn and Art Madril add depth. Jacob Mesquita handles the kicking chores.



It's been a lean decade for the Falcons, which open the season with its third head coach in three years. Tom Altemus greets only five starters from a 4-5-1 club, the school's best in eight years. Linebacker Nolan Brown (6-2, 190) is one of the Falcons' best players, and one of the best in the B-League. Bradley Frazier (6-1, 260), a two-way tackle, is only a junior. Quarterback Mark Murrietta (5-10, 170) takes over the offense, but he can't do it alone. The Falcons could be hard-pressed to get into the win column.



The one darkhorse who could sneak in and do some damage is Scottsdale. The Beavers, coached by Joe Corte, return 25 lettermen from a 6-3-1 team. Fourteen of those players started. Included in that lot are two outstanding quarterbacks, and possibly a third. The top athlete is undoubtedly Randy Hayes, an all-state candidate. The 6-2, 185-pound senior will be a key player, wherever he plays. Last year it was quarterback, for awhile. He passed for 943 yards in seven games, then moved to slotback in the season finale. He pulled down five passes for 78 yards and two scores. With 4.6 speed he also plays

in the secondary. If Hayes stays at slotback, senior Don Kesteloot (6-0, 170) takes charge at quarterback. He passed for over 700 yards in just three games. Junior Neil Corbin could also see action. Center Tom Melton (5-10, 250) anchors the line, along with teammates Scott Hodgeman (6-2, 210), John Featherman (5-11, 185), Paul Heun (6-5, 200), Brian McMahon (5-9, 195) and Ron Hix (5-8, 175). Vince Greene, Dan Mara, Dan Larkin, Robert Sanchez and young Rick Morris are two-way backs. Little linebacker Ruben Serna (5-9, 165) is the Beavers' toughest and best defensive player. Linebacker Jeff Jarko handles the place kicking. The Beavers first stint in the Metro Division could be a memorable one.



Like Scottsdale, the Cardinals return a good nucleus of players, including eight starters. Coach Rudy Pacheco has good team speed, plus solid players on the line. Quarterback Andy Woodring (6-6, 185), an outstanding athlete, also handles the place kicking. He earned all-league recognition in basketball last year. Junior Bryan Munoz will back him up. With halfback George Lopez (5-10, 180), two-way end Jim Drane (6-3, 180), center Mark Spreier (6-0, 190) and tackle Lou DiPetro (6-0, 200) in the lineup, Pacheco's team looks every bit as strong as Scottsdale. Receiver Vito Maynes and halfback Carlos Medina look solid. The A-League race could go down to the wire.



The Owls, hit hard by graduation losses, won only once, but new coach Pat Lavin, the former Phoenix St. Mary's head, likes his club's chances. "Team speed is our strength," says Lavin, who recently was an assistant at the University of Minnesota. "The school has always had good skill players too." Eleven regulars return, including tight end Bobby Ince (6-0, 180), who moves over from quarterback, making room for talented sopho-

more Shawn Gilbert (5-8, 160). The coaches feel he has the tools to run the Owls' wide-open offense. Young Gilbert is also a top-notch baseball prospect. Senior Danny Roderick (5-9, 160) looks like the school's best receiver. He also plays in the secondary. Todd Maihuffer (6-0, 195) is a good two-way lineman. Mike Munoz (5-9, 165) is a small but tough linebacker. Charles Simon is a good back.



Tolleson, next-door-neighbor to Agua Fria, moves up from AA and looks to compete right away. Veteran coach Thurman Simmons, 20-5 in the past two years, returns 18 letter winners from a 9-3 club which lost to Gilbert in the AA semifinals. All-state back Fabian Fierro (5-10, 165) returns and that's good news for Wolverine fans. His big game last year came at Peoria's expense - 268 yards on 32 carries and four touchdowns. Ray Green, Mark King, Ralph Buruato and Gerry Diaz make up the rest of the backfield. All of them can play in the secondary, one of the team's strongest positions. Rick Bustamante handles the place kicking. In the long run, inexperience on the line will cause some problems. Still, look for a winning season in Tolleson.



Once mighty Phoenix Union has run into all sorts of problems, not to mention an enrollment decline. Only eight regulars greet first-year coach Bill Anderson, but one is a dandy, quarterback/safety Darrell Grissum. The 6-2, 178-pound senior, one of the league's top prospects, is the Coyotes' team leader, and a three-year starter. Last year he threw a 90-yard touchdown strike to Keith Jones against Phoenix Carl Hayden. The Coyotes have their usual collection of good skill position players, like Bobby Crockett, James Lyons, Robert Sells, Terry Walters, Vince White and Napoleon Hart. Grissum, Crockett, Sells and Walters star on the

basketball team. Tackle Adolfo Burciago (6-6, 270), and guards Carlos Manzanedo (6-0, 185) and Robert Walker (5-10, 160, jr.) are the best linemen. Ray Scroggins is a two-way end. Phoenix Union ended a 22-game skid last year and finished 2-8.



Look for Casa Grande to improve last year's 4-6 record in the Metro's revamped A-League if all nine returning starters improve. Second-year coach John Kashner looks to build his offense around quarterback/safety Kevin White, a 6-1, 180-pound senior, center Pablo Hernandez and tackle Camillius Jackson, a 235-pounder. Don Collins, Joe O'Donell and Kevin Weatherly make up a strong secondary. O'Donell and Weatherly are good receivers. In fact, the passing game looks solid. But before league play starts the Cougars need to improve their running game.

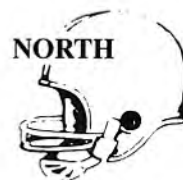


Veteran signal caller David Andreen (5-11, 170) returns at quarterback, and that's good news for Arcadia, which hopes to improve last year's two-win season. Still, most of the starting lineup graduated, so head coach Jim Dean is counting on lots of new players. Flanker Eric Koontz and halfback Todd Leland join Andreen in the secondary. Leland will handle the punting. Linebacker Craig Hunsaker (6-0, 180), along with linemen Dwight Bodine and Allen Mills, should lead an improved Titan defense.



New mentor Johnny Nunez takes over the East High program, which struggled through a 3-7 campaign. Hit hard by graduation (only four starters return), the Longhorns will be hard pressed to match

last year's finish. However, quarterback Bill Coen (5-9, 160) returns, and that's a plus. Two-way back Corey Matt (6-0, 170) and guard-linebacker Bruce Moore (6-0, 185) are excellent two-way players. Sonny Fisher, Darrin Hill, Keith Mendivil, Robert Johnson, Dan Torres and Darrel Croomes should all start. Inexperience and little size on the line could spell trouble.



North has nowhere to go but up. The once proud Mustangs went winless last year, and scored only 39 points in the process. They gave up 356. Second-year coach Ron Scott, with an improved passing game, looks to end the drought with six returning regulars, including top-flight receivers Frank Mercado (6-1, 195) and Tony McClure (6-1, 170). Both have good pass catching skills. Tim Caliver or Chris Alvarado will get the call at quarterback. Sam Rucker is a good two-way skill position player.



Horizon starts its first season with high hopes and lots of candidates. Coach Richard Gray, a former Arizona State lineman, predicts more than 50 players will show the first day of practice. But with no seniors in the lineup, the all-junior squad could find their initial A-League campaign rough. Quarterback-safety John Smithbaker (5-9, 155) looks like the best bet to lead the team. Young Scott Carroll is a good two-way back. Mark Trafton and Bob Bjordahl give the Huskies two quality receivers.

AA CENTRAL

On paper, the AA-Central looks loaded, with talent-heavy teams and quality coaching. Defending state champ Phoenix Gerard has a chance to repeat. But the Redcoats, coached by John Carroll, will

have their hands full with runnerup Gilbert, plus up-and-coming Tempe Corona del Sol, the new kid on the block. Flagstaff in the north and Canyon del Oro in the south won't roll over.



Half the team, including three potential all-stars, returns at Gerard, where a 9-2-1 finish earned the school its second state football championship. John Carroll's club shut down Gilbert in the AA title game and has the potential to repeat. The key figure is all-state lineman Tom Briehl (6-3, 210), one of the state's best regardless of classification.

"Briehl is double and sometimes triple-teamed on every play," says Carroll. "But he always rises to the occasion." An outstanding athlete, Briehl runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds and is a member of the school's track team – as a quarter miler and long jumper.

Halfback Pete Schwann (5-11, 180) also returns. He gained 154 yards on 20 carries and scored both touchdowns in the title game vs. Gilbert, a 13-0 Redcoat win. Receiver John Verdugo (5-9, 160) and linebacker Tom Kirkegaard (6-0, 180) were all-league picks. Verdugo handles the kicking. Rick Grimm looks like the new quarterback. Gerard looks good again.



Third year coach Larry Hughes has the nucleus of a playoff contender. The Aztecs, with over 20 returning lettermen, could be the spoiler. In quarterback Mike Hold (5-11, 150), CDS has a real dandy. The center is Joe Gerstenberger (6-2, 235), one of the biggest and best in the league. Two-way lineman Mike Casteel (6-3, 195) and linebacker Tony Peters (6-0, 175) are quality players. The junior class has its share of good players, starting with halfback Scott Shill (5-8, 160) and wideout Glenn Dennard (5-10, 160), younger brother of Los Angeles Rams' receiver Preston Dennard. Players like Guy Logan, Mike Slupinski and John Jones give the Aztecs depth. Last year's club won eight games, losing only to Gerard and Gilbert.



Graduation took a big bite out of Gilbert's 11-2 campaign, which ended in the finals with Gerard. Still, veteran coach Dan Dunn has a good collection of incoming juniors, plus several key players with playoff experience. Senior Joe Stark (5-10, 145) looks to start at quarterback. Victor Mesa, Gene Valocchi and Tom Sharkey are standout receivers. Halfback Robert Rutledge and tackle John Rohde (6-5, 230) are tested. However, the top prospects might be in the junior class, with linemen Rick Bunch (6-2, 225) and Russell Goddard (6-1, 175), grandson of the former A-State grid great with the same name. Look for Alex Yanez and Rusty Steph to handle the kicking.



Bourgade Catholic, a playoff contender two years ago, dropped off and finished 3-7. Coach Dick Steward is hoping to get the train back on track, but it might not be easy. Graduation took too many starters. Only five regulars return. Wide receiver Paul Richardson (6-0, 175) and linebacker Chuck Alston (6-3, 200) look like the two best players in the Blue Angels' camp. Promising sophomore Matt Martinez might get the call at quarterback.

AA WEST

Newcomer Cactus, located in northwest Glendale, returns 22 lettermen from a 7-3 team which almost made the playoffs. It was the school's second varsity team, the first under Paul Williams.



If Cactus mentor Paul Williams comes up with linemen to match his skill

position players, watch out. All-state defensive back Mickey Bell (5-10, 175) will start at quarterback. Last year he intercepted 14 passes, best in the state among juniors. Two-way back Troy Garcia (5-10, 150) will be one of the favorites in the state 100 yard dash finals. Halfback Gary Bohan (5-9, 165) rushed for 1,500 yards and scored 15 touchdowns. Mark Lefevre, David Huskey and Jason Abbey, when called upon, are good two-way players. Junior Ben Dickens, at 6-3, 175, appears to be the best lineman.



Look for a good season at Dysart. The Demons' whole offensive line returns, and with senior Joel Jones, head coach Roy Fenton has one of the best backs in the AA West. Included on the front line are veterans James Wadell and Andy Martinez, along with junior Pete Garcia. "We had a strong defensive unit," says Fenton, 4-4-1 last year. "We feel it can be just as strong, if not stronger, this time around."



Peoria, with veterans dotting the lineup, improved to 6-4 last year, but was hit hard by graduation. Fourth-year coach Tony Gonzalo might have to rely upon lots of juniors, and that makes for a concern. Still, seniors lead the way, and the Panthers are hoping for good things from players like George Cortez, who doubles at halfback/receiver, and talented place kicker Danny Ballestero. Backs Elmar Cobos, Eddie Camacho and Steve Crawford are three tough juniors. Crawford is a good receiver, and may be switched to wideout. Still, this depth-shy club might find the going rough, especially against rival Cactus.

Phoenix Metropolitan's Winningest Active Football Coaches



*Bill Saunders
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.833	Pat Lavin, Avondale Agua Fria, 65-13-1
.800	Mike Clark, Phoenix Thunderbird, 8-2-1
.776	Karl Kiefer, Tempe McClintock, 121-35-3
.773	John Carroll, Phoenix Gerard, 17-5-1
.765	Dan Dunn, Gilbert, 78-24-3
.750	Dave Swerdfeger, Phx. Washington, 42-14-1
.727	Tom Stincic, Scottsdale Chaparral, 8-3-0
.718	Jesse Parker, Mesa Mountain View, 84-33-3
.705	Jerry Loper, Mesa Westwood, 67-28-5
.700	Paul Williams, Glendale Cactus, 7-3-0
.662	Jack Kersting, Phoenix Alhambra, 98-50-1
.656	Bob Keller, Scottsdale Saguaro, 44-23-0
.645	Earl Clupper, South Mountain, 131-72-8
.642	Lon Foster, Chandler, 102-57-6
.641	Thurman Simmons, Tolleson, 75-42-3
.635	Trevor Stinson, Phoenix Brophy, 73-42-3
.628	Walt Beamis, Phoenix Christian, 83-49-4
.615	Bill Kee, Sunnyslope, 24-15-2
.609	Earl McQuiston, Glendale Apollo, 14-9-0
.600	Tom Dahl, Scottsdale Coronado, 18-12-1
.600	Jim Murphy, Tempe Union, 12-8-0
.591	Leon Trotter, Apache Junction, 13-9-0

Winning Pct./Coach/School/Record

.585	Earl Putman, Phoenix Moon Valley, 76-54-5
.579	Tony Gonzalo, Peoria, 11-19-0
.571	Ben Arredondo, Mesa, 8-6-0
.560	Bernon Benson, Scottsdale Christian, 14-11-0
.557	Bill Saunders, Phoenix Camelback, 88-70-8
.550	Larry Hughes, Tempe Corona del So, 11-9-0
.512	Bill Mitton, Phoenix Trevor Browne, 42-40-1
.510	Joe Corte, Scottsdale, 25-24-1
.500	Roy Fenton, Peoria Dysart, 4-4-1
.454	Jim Jones, Phoenix Cortez, 5-6-1
.429	Pat Farrell, Phoenix St. Mary's, 9-12-0
.414	Dick Steward, Phoenix Bourgade, 12-17-1
.412	Brad Tarrant, Western Christian, 7-10-0
.400	Rudy Pacheco, Glendale, 4-6-0
.400	John Kashner, Casa Grande, 4-6-0
.385	Frank Castro, Tempe Marcos de Niza, 20-32-1
.345	Dick McKivergan, Shadow Mountain, 10-19-1
.300	Jim Dean, Scottsdale Arcadia, 6-14-0
.263	Mike Danielek, Phoenix Greenway, 5-14-1
.167	George Endres, Phoenix Central, 4-20-2
.000	Ron Scott, Phoenix North, 0-10-0
.000	Gene Cox, Phoenix West, 0-10-0

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INDEPENDENCE



Mike Spaulding, Mike Powell, Jeff Bowen, Jim Nichols and receiver John Noe may have to carry the load at depth-shy Independence, where first-year coach Lee Bolin returns a small number of letter winners from a 2-8 outing. Only Wickenburg and Buckeye fell to the Patriots. This will be the school's third year of varsity football.

A-CENTRAL

This region, with defending state champ Eloy Santa Cruz, looks tough again. Upending the champs will be difficult. Although the Dust Devils graduated Arizona Player of the Year Mossy Cade to Texas, first-year coach Jim Ewan has a solid nucleus. Buckeye and Apache Junction look like the best bets to give Santa Cruz a good race.

BUCKEYE



Look for the Hawks to make the biggest improvement. No school in the A-Central returns as many starters as Buckeye. First-year coach Tim Logsdon has a good mixture of backs, linemen and kickers. Each play starts at center, and the Hawks have a good one, 6-0, 200-pound senior Rob Irons. Damone Batchan (6-0, 185) is a quality running back. Steve Ganley gets the call at quarterback. Two-way back Randy Allen handles the place kicking. Steve Melvin is the punter.

APACHE JUNCTION



If Leon Trotter's club stays healthy, look for AJ to win eight games again. Or more. Last year the Prospectors, in Trotter's second year at the helm, went 8-4 and missed the state finals by one game. With senior Joe Williams (6-1, 215) in the

lineup, AJ has the best center in the league, and one of the best in the Valley. In fact, with Williams and defensive end Dan Wadsworth (6-1, 195), along with junior guard Alan McVicker (5-11, 200), the line looks solid. Pat O'Keefe, Marc Wieskotten and Don Dismuke make for a solid linebacking crew. Junior David Marquez starts in the secondary. Marc Christy is another good player.

B-CENTRAL

With 17 returning lettermen, Phoenix Christian looms as the favorite in this region. Last year Round Valley of Springerville beat Wickenburg in the state finals. But Wickenburg, much to the delight of Class B coaches and fans, moved up to Class A. Still, the team to beat will again be Round Valley.

PHOENIX CHRISTIAN



Veteran Walt Beamis has seen his share of good teams at Phoenix Christian, and this year's club could be another. Senior fullback Todd Raines (6-0, 185) anchors the Cougars' backfield, along with junior quarterback Jeff Taylor, who doubles at safety. Raines also plays linebacker and handles the kicking game. Center Dan Cadriel (5-11, 180) is a key player, along with two-way back Doug Diehl (6-1, 180) and wide receiver Ron Payne (5-8, 155). Senior tackle Guy Sasso (6-1, 215) is a defensive stalwart. Jon Dekkers and Steve Haak are quality starters. Last year PC went 6-5-1. If they stay healthy, look for at least two more wins.

8-MAN

This entertaining brand of football is hard to beat. Look for little change come playoff time. In the north, Maricopa, Mayer and Salome (playoff teams last year) are expected to be among the best again. Down south, where state champ St. David resides, the reigning champs have Pima and Patagonia to deal with. St. David might be the only school in the state which has played nothing but 6-and 8-man ball since the school opened. They have won six state championships.

MARICOPA



Maricopa has a new coach in Tom Kunz, but a veteran player in two-way lineman Fred Antone, a 6-1, 215-pound junior. He's all-state material. So is linebacker Daniel Schrader, a 5-11, 185-pound senior. The Rams won six games last year, but with players like halfback Eddie Mavis, center Bill Ny, end Eugene Peters, linebacker John Peterson and quarterback Alfredo Flores in the lineup, they could win a lot more. Two years ago the Rams won 10 games and finished runnerup to Joseph City in the state finals.

SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN



Quarterback Randy Watson, a 5-10, 140-pound senior, is one of eight returning seniors at Scottsdale Christian, where the Eagles won six games under Bernon Benson. Watson also handles the kicking game, along with sophomore Tom Hutchison. His primary receiver is senior Don Von Loon, a good athlete. Lightweight Greg DePottey (5-10, 165) might be the best lineman. Junior Scott Carlson looks strong in the secondary.

WESTERN CHRISTIAN



Associate Members schools have several quality teams, with Western Christian of Phoenix picked as the team to beat. Several top-notch players return, including quarterback/safety John Ezell (5-10, 154), lineman Jon Robertson (6-1, 207), receiver Bruce Beyeler (5-9, 143) and defensive back John Peterson (5-9, 148). The Eagles, located on North 67th Avenue, are coached by Brad Tarrant. His club should find good competition down south from Tucson Christian, plus several non-league games with Phoenix schools.

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JC's Strong with Local Talent

By JEFF KRIDER

You know you've produced a good football product when winning seven games is an "off" year. That's the case with Paul Widmer at **Mesa Community College**. The Thunderbirds, year after year one of the strongest JC programs in the West, finished 7-3 last fall, with two losses by one point.

The Mesa program is a reflection upon the strong high schools in the Mesa, Scottsdale and Tempe regions. "We get most of our players from this side of town," says the T'bird mentor, and former A-State lineman. "The AAA Central is a good football league. Lots of good players and good coaches."

Mesa's top returning player appears to be flanker Keith Miller, a former all-state player at Mountain View. Last year he hauled in 34 passes for 630 yards and five touchdowns. He averaged 20.4 yards on punt returns and 25.8 on kickoffs. The 5-10, 175-pound JC All-American, with 4.5 speed, does it all. Newcomers like Jon Tortoriello, Jack Dunn and Billy Hamilton join Miller at the receiving corps. At quarterback, Widmer likes the looks of California transplant Jeff Losey, a 6-3, 195-pounder from Newberry Park. Last year's quarterback, Cary Palmer, has walked on at Arizona State. Former Scottsdale Coronado ace Mike Stanley, who led Arizona to a win over the Utah All-Stars in a summer all-star contest, could see action.

Look for sophomore Tim Castillo (5-10, 190) to carry the ball a lot. He saw limited play last year, with only 28 carries for 129 yards, but moves into the starting fullback slot. Other returning players include tailback Pat Hardin (5-10, 190), tight end Tom Stabler (6-3, 195), guard Charles Mathis (5-11, 235), tackle Brad Bartholomew (6-5, 235), defensive end Rick Ortega (6-7, 255), and linebackers Darryl Brown (6-1, 215) and Bob Babich (6-0, 220). Mesa opens their season Sept. 12 against the UNLV junior varsity in Las Vegas. Their home opener is one week later against Grossmont, California. They conclude the season again in early December at the Aztec Bowl in Mexico City.

Don't look for much change in the



Keith Miller
Mesa



Mike Brooks
Scottsdale

lineup at **Scottsdale**, and that's bad news for the rest of the league. If it's not broke don't fix it. Last year Scottsdale, loaded with good local talent, climbed as high as No. 6 in the NJCAA rankings and won the ACCAC title before falling to Northeastern Oklahoma in the Beef Empire Bowl, 30-24. Coach John Avianantos returns a solid nucleus of players, including most of the offensive line and both running backs. Little Rodney Brewer (5-7, 150) earned All-America honorable mention honors with 1,039 yards in 10 games. Chris Emerson, at 6-3, 260-pounds (with 4.6 speed) might be the biggest fullback in the nation. Tight end Paul Newman (6-4, 245), tackles Keith Dubrevil (6-3, 280) and Dan Browne (6-3, 23), along with guards Dan Martin (5-11, 240) and Kevin Hodges (6-0, 225) return to the offense. Ends Art Lowery (6-4, 230) and Gary Butler (6-0, 210), tackles Laurel Leavitt (6-2, 200) and Bob Frey (6-2, 210), and linebackers John Babinchak (6-0, 235) and Mike Brooks (6-3, 210) are back on defense. Brooks was an All-ACCAC selection.

Talented but small. That's the make on **Phoenix College**, which looks to its defense to carry the load early. Only one starter returns on offense. "We have a real good group of kids again," says head coach Ken Stites. "We've got our share of talent, but we don't have much size. It might be one of our smaller lines ever."

Several key defensive players return from last year's 6-3 squad, including nose guard Mitch Callahan (6-3, 230), a potential star. The former Phoenix Alhambra alum reminds coaches of recent All-America nose guard Roy Edwards. Defensive back Matt Palacio (5-11, 185), along with linebackers Jim Shelley (5-10,

215) and Brad Stewart (6-2, 220) are penciled in as starters.

The Bears' offense will be built around flanker Perry Johnson (5-11, 180), a former quarterback at Phoenix South Mountain. "He's one of the best in the league," says Stites. "Perry has the tools to be one of the best flankers we've had in years." Kerry Kersting, David Villamez and Ross Pagel, former local high school stars, will compete at quarterback. Pagel's brother Mike is the starting signal caller at Arizona State. Besides Johnson, the backfield could include running backs Jonas Rosenthal (5-8, 165), the former Maryvale star, and Joe Allen (5-10, 205) out of Phoenix St. Mary's. Tackles Gene Jackson (6-1, 240) and Joe LaCavera (5-11, 220) should also start. Former Alhambra grad Jim Meyer will handle the punting. Phoenix opens Sept. 13 at home with Snow College of Utah. One week later they travel to Antelope Valley to face the first of four California schools on their schedule.

One school with no lack for size on the line is **Glendale**, coached by Chuck Zontanos. The Gauchos, who open against New Mexico Military Institute, have big bodies like Eric Martin (6-5, 305) and Lupe Huerta (6-1, 250) on the offensive front. Throw in potential starters like Byron Nelson (6-5, 260) and Jeff Whitey (6-2, 250), and GCC appears headed in the right direction. At least size-wise. "Last year some of the local high school teams had bigger, more physical lines than we did," claims Zontanos, whose team finished 4-6. With center Steve Ast (6-1, 230), guard Mike Gomez (6-3, 240) and linebacker Rob Brock (6-2, 220), Glendale has three of the better players in the league. Ast, out of Greenway High, is an All-America candidate. Tim Boling (6-1, 175) is the heir apparent at quarterback. Brian Woolstenhulme (6-2, 215) is a good looking tight end. Flankers Ron Goodwin (6-0, 185) and Ben Pitney (5-9, 175) add to the receiving corps. Like most of the areas junior college teams, the majority of GCC starters are from the nearby high school ranks. Pitney is from Prescott. Returning guard Terry Foss (6-1, 210) is from Parker.

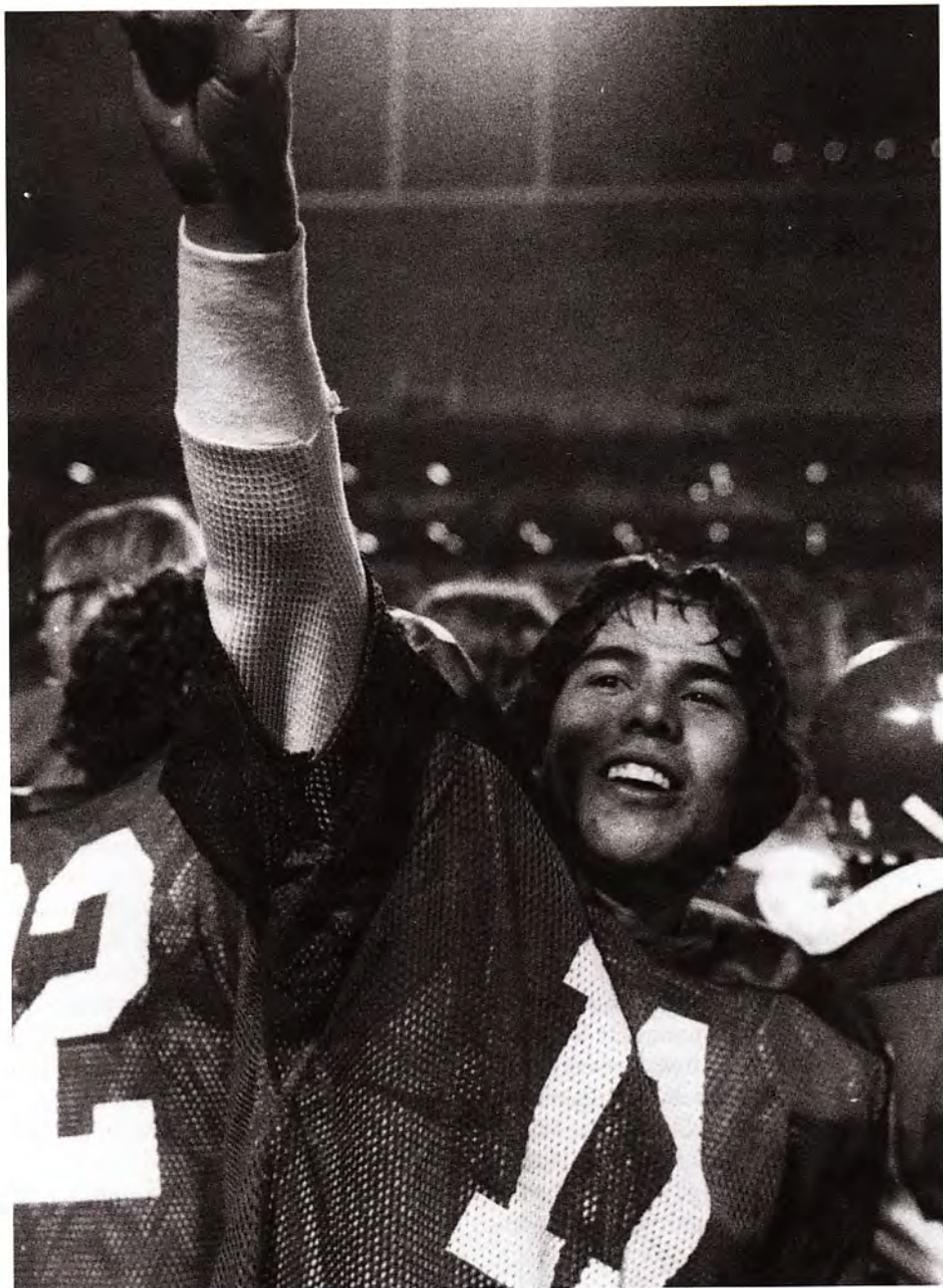
Cade, Shell, Wood Highlight '79 Super All-Staters

By Bart Conley
and Bill Betterton

Mossy Cade played four different positions during his football career at Santa Cruz. College coaches were impressed by what he could do at all four spots, although they are interested in him primarily as a defensive back, the position he prefers to play.

In 1977, Cade was a split end as a sophomore. In 1978, he was the quarterback who guided the Dust Devils to the Class A title, a memorable 40-38 win over Willcox, thanks to a six-touchdown night by his brother Mike, a University of Michigan signee. Last fall he was a running back and gained 1,392 yards and scored 16 touchdowns for the two-time state champs. Defensively he intercepted four passes, returning two for touchdowns.

And he did all this before he broke the state record in the high hurdles (13.69 seconds), then accepted a football scholarship to the University of Texas. Cade is the fourth Eloy product to earn Arizona Player of the Year honors, following in the footsteps of Art Malone ('65), Ben



Amphi quarterback Sam Molina shows Tempe crowd of 10,000 who's No. 1 after Panthers beat Mesa 27-0 in 1979 AAA championship game (Phoenix Gazette photo).

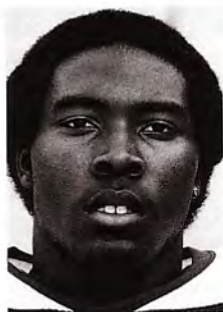
Mal;one ('69) and brother Mike ('77).

The youngest Cade was the only returning member of the **1978 Super All-State** squad, the top high school players in the state regardless of school classification. The team was selected after talking to college and high school coaches, and sportswriters around the state.

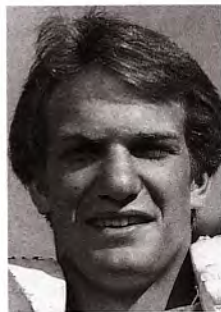
One of the most prolific running backs in the state was Benson's Eddie Lee, Jr., like Cade a track star (15-foot vaulter). Lee, whose father was an all-state player at the same school, gained 1,601 yards for the defending Class B champs who won only five games.

Tucson Amphi's Arlen Bethay led the Panthers to their second state crown since 1975 with a 27-0 shutout of Mesa. He gained 1,597 yards in 13 games for the state champs - 503 in the playoffs. Joining Lee and Bethay in the "dream" backfield is Sunnyside junior Fred Sims. The 5-10, 195-pound halfback is one of the state's top prospects this year. Last fall he scampered for 1,440 yards for Coach Paul Petty's Blue Devils.

Two record-breaking pass catchers and a multi-talented tight end make up the receiving corp. At Douglas, little George Ochoa (5-9, 150) caught 84 passes for



Fred Sims
Sunnyside



Todd Shell
Mountain View

1979 Phoenix Metro All-Stars

OFFENSE

QB - Lloyd Coker, Central, 6-1, 185
 RB - Wayne Bennett, Gilbert, 6-1, 190
 RB - Arthur Reeves, MDN, 5-11, 170
 RB - Wally Kepner, T. Browne, 6-3, 210
 SE - Jack Dunn, Coronado, 5-11, 180
 SE - Greg Relf, Central, 6-5, 190
 TE - Dave Wood, Washington, 6-3, 225
 T - Chris Sorenson, W'wood, 6-4, 220
 T - Larry Dallman, Cortez, 6-2, 240
 G - Brad Pico, Mtn. View, 6-0, 215
 G - John Neimeyer, T'bird, 5-10, 195
 C - Jim Polenske, Maryvale, 6-3, 255
 P - Scott Wald, Coronado, 6-2, 175
 PK - Dave Wood, Washington

DEFENSE

LB - Todd Shell, Mtn. View, 6-4, 190
 LB - J. Slaughterbeck, Gerard, 6-2, 205
 LB - John Knight, Apollo, 5-11, 190 (jr)
 DL - Dave Wood, Washington, 6-3, 225
 DL - Matt Kohl, Washington, 6-3, 210
 DL - Joe Pruzina, Prescott, 6-2, 215
 DL - Chris Sorenson, W'wood, 6-4, 220
 DB - Don Meek, T. Browne, 5-11, 185
 DB - Troy Jacobs, Glendale, 6-1, 185
 DB - Alex Poulos, Brophy, 5-9, 170
 DB - D.J. Morrison, Tempe, 5-10, 175
 KR - Vai Sikahema, Mesa, 5-10, 180

1,174 yards and 14 touchdowns. The first two are state records.

Jay Dobyns (6-2, 180) follows in the footsteps of a long line of excellent pass catchers at Tucson Sahuaro (John Mistler, etc). The University of Arkansas signee led the AAA-South in receptions the past two years, catching 48 passes for 607 yards and seven touchdowns in 1979.

Tight end Dave Wood (6-3, 225) is one of the team's most versatile players. An excellent place kicker as well, the two-way end caught 19 passes for 236 yards from his tight end spot, then helped out with 111 tackles as a defensive end. The University of Arizona signee kicked 22 field goals during his varsity career, including a 50-yarder as a sophomore.

Besides Wood, the '79 interior line includes Westwood's Chris Sorenson (6-4, 220), Cortez's Larry Dallman (6-2, 240), Mountain View's Brad Pico (6-0, 215), Holbrook's Harvey Brickey (6-2, 225), and Maryvale's Jim Polenske (6-3, 255) on offense, with Washington's Matt Kohl (6-3, 210) and Prescott's Joe Pruzina (6-2, 215) joining Wood and Sorenson, two-way stars, on defense. All were seniors.

Three terrific linebackers support the

defensive front: Todd Shell of Mountain View, Jim Slaughterbeck of Class AA champ Phoenix Gerard, and junior John Knight of Glendale Apollo.

Shell, who takes his speed, jumping ability and football savvy to BYU, won the prestigious **Larry Gordon Award**, given annually to the state's best linebacker. The Toros gifted three-sport star might be the best at his position to come out of Mesa in years. He high jumped 6-10 in track last spring and was a center on Mountain View's basketball team. Slaughterbeck was a starter for two years and was in on 116 tackles as the Redcoats beat Gilbert in the AA finals.

Knight, one of only two juniors on the **Super All-State Team**, is another multi-talented player. The fullback-linebacker is one of the region's best players. Last year he even handled the Knights' kicking, and booted three field goals against rival Cortez, including a 42-yarder. He kicked a 33-yarder in the AAA semifinals, a 7-3 loss to state champ Tucson Amphi.

Joining the talented Cade in the secondary is Glendale's Troy Jacobs, Williams' Johnny Hatcher and Tucson Cholla's Randy Hunter. Hatcher is the brother of **1978 Super All-State** defensive back Billy Hatcher, two of the best-ever athletes from this small northern Arizona school. Hunter was regarded the best defensive back in the AAA-South. Jacobs, an Arizona State signee, picked off seven passes.

The kick returner is Mesa's Vai Sikahema, the Jackrabbits' big threat at

1979 Super All-State OFFENSE

QB - Lloyd Coker, Central, 6-1, 185
 RB - Arlen Bethay, Amphi, 5-10, 175
 RB - Eddie Lee, Benson, 6-0, 190
 RB - Fred Sims, S'side, 5-10, 195 (jr)
 SE - Jay Dobyns, Sahuaro, 6-2, 180
 SE - George Ochoa, Douglas, 5-9, 150
 TE - Dave Wood, Washington, 6-3, 225
 T - Chris Sorenson, W'wood, 6-4, 220
 T - Larry Dallman, Cortez, 6-2, 240
 G - Brad Pico, Mountain View, 6-0, 215
 G - Harvey Brickey, Holbrook, 6-2, 225
 C - Jim Polenske, Maryvale, 6-3, 255
 P - Scott Wald, Coronado, 6-2, 175
 PK - Dave Wood, Washington

DEFENSE

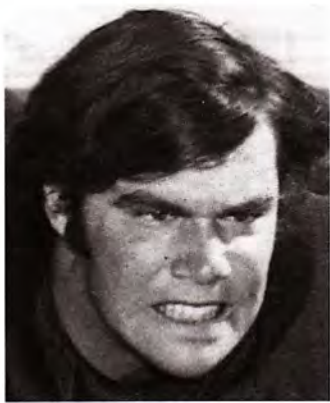
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 DL - Matt Kohl, Washington, 6-3, 210
 DL - Joe Pruzina, Prescott, 6-2, 215
 DL - Chris Sorenson, W'wood, 6-4, 220
 DB - Mossy Cade, Eloy, 6-0, 170
 DB - Troy Jacobs, Glendale, 6-1, 185
 DB - Johnny Hatcher, Williams, 5-9, 170
 DB - Randy Hunter, Cholla, 6-2, 175
 KR - Vai Sikahema, Mesa, 5-10, 180

running back when he was healthy. Along with Todd Shell of Mountain View, Sikahema is bound for BYU.

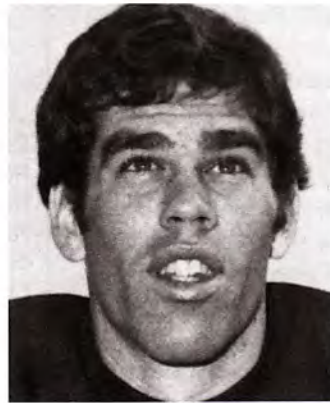
Coach of the Year goes to Vern Friedli of AAA champ Amphitheater. Friedli replaced Jerry Loper four years ago and the Panthers have gone 8-2, 11-1, 9-2 and 13-0.



Eloy's Mossy Cade (43), a University of Texas signee, switched from quarterback to running back and led the Dust Devils to another Class A championship (Matt Sandefur photo).



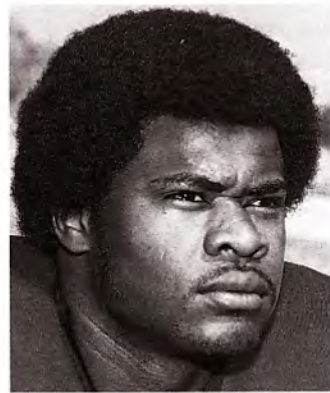
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Alhambra*



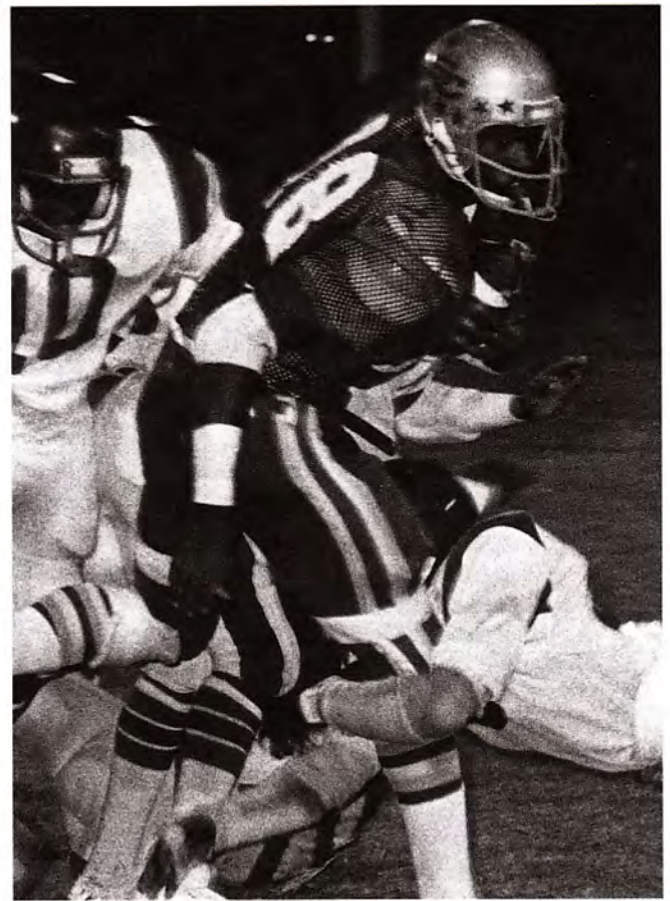
*Fred Mortensen
Tempe*



*John Mistler
Tucson Sahuaro*



*Larry Gordon
Phoenix Union*



*MIKE CADE - Eloy Santa Cruz
The Decade's Best Back.*

Super Schoolboys of the '70s

By BART CONLEY

On a chilly night in Tucson, in November of 1978, Santa Cruz High of Eloy finished a near-perfect season with a 40-36 victory over Willcox. The heart-stopping win at Amphitheater High may have been the most thrilling Class A title game in Arizona history.

But the Dust Devils couldn't have done it without Mike Cade. Blessed with extraordinary athletic ability, Cade rushed for 299 yards, scored five rushing touchdowns and another on a kickoff return. The University of Michigan signee, whose 56 career touchdowns and 4,458 yards rushing, was tops in the Decade of the Seventies and was regarded as one of the nation's best backs.

Only one other player, Alvin Leon at Class B Baboquivari, located in southern Arizona, scored more touchdowns in a single season than Cade. But Cade's 2,253 yards was the best in Arizona history. He scored 27 touchdowns.

"An athlete like Mike Cade comes

along once in a lifetime," said his coach, Ed Jones. "But we were lucky to have two Cades at the same time. It helps to have horses and we had some real stallions at Santa Cruz that year."

The other Cade was Mossy, one of the decade's best defensive backs. Like his older brother Mike, Mossy also won All-America honors. Both were nationally ranked hurdlers in track, with Mossy setting a state record in the 120 highs (13.7), while Mike clocked 14.1.

In an era of greatness in Arizona schoolboy football, these two brothers and five additional players managed to stand tree-tall above the field. Quarterback Fred Mortensen from Tempe, tackle Mike Dawson at Tucson, linebacker Larry Gordon from Phoenix Union and Bob Breunig at Alhambra, along with receivers Ron Washington of McClintock and John Mistler of Tucson Sahuaro comprised the decade's Elite Eight.

College coaches and recruiters insisted that Fred Mortensen was one of the best

signal callers in Arizona history. While guiding Tempe into the 1971 AAA title game with Tucson, Mortensen passed for 1,793 yards and 17 touchdowns, and missed three games with a shoulder injury. He tossed five scoring strikes against Mesa. His pinpoint passing almost beat Tucson in the finals, but the Badgers rallied behind the passing of Frank Castro to pull out a dramatic 20-14 victory. Mortensen's college career was extended by a church mission, but his greatest glory as a college player came against Nebraska in the 1975 Fiesta Bowl. He replaced injured Dennis Sproul in the fourth quarter and tossed the winning scoring strike to John Jefferson. His performance against rival Arizona later in 1976 was also superb.

When John Mistler was a junior at Sahuaro he led the nation in catches with 81. He caught 21 against rival Sabino - 19 in the second half. His 292 yards that night is second on the state chart to Larry Bandura's 296. Only Mickey Hatcher (Mesa) in 1973 covered more ground



Ron Washington
McClintock



Ronnie Bonner
Westwood

than Mistler in a single season - 1,226 to 1,222. Mistler's 2,375 career yards in three years is the best in the state.

But no receiver in the Decade of the '70s had the speed, moves and leaping ability of Ronnie Washington. A 9.6 sprinter, Washington caught 76 career passes while playing for a school which beat most teams by running the ball. Washington was also a dangerous kick returner.

THE DECADE'S BEST

Coach of the Decade

Karl Kiefer,
Tempe McClintock

Best Quarterback

Fred Mortensen,
Tempe

Best Running Back

Mike Cade,
Eloy Santa Cruz

Best Receiver

Ron Washington,
Tempe McClintock

Best Lineman

Mike Dawson,
Tucson

Best Linebacker

Larry Gordon,
Phoenix Union

Best Defensive Back

Mossy Cade,
Eloy Santa Cruz

Best Kicker

Dave Wood,
Phoenix Washington

Top Schoolboys of the Seventies

FIRST TEAM

Quarterback - Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 6-2, 195; **Running Backs** - Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 6-1, 200; Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 5-10, 165; Ronnie Bonner, Mesa Westwood, 5-9, 175; **Wide receivers** - John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 6-2, 180; Ron Washington, Tempe McClintock, 6-0, 175; **Tight End** - Jimmy Moore, Tempe Marcos de Niza, 6-5, 230; **Line** - Bill Crowe, Tempe McClintock, 6-2, 220; Mike Dawson, Tucson, 6-4, 240; Jack Housley, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-1, 205; Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union, 6-3, 210; Jon Abbott, Phoenix Central, 6-0, 230; Chris Laursen, Gilbert, 6-3, 230; Jinx Johnson, Tucson, 6-4, 208; **Center** - Marty Van Gorder, Chandler, 6-2, 220; **Linebackers** - Bob Breunig, Phoenix Alhambra, 6-2, 225; Larry Gordon, Phoenix Union, 6-5, 215; Riki Gray, Tucson Amphi, 6-2, 218; **Deep Backs** - Derral Davis, Tucson, 6-0, 180; Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, 6-0, 185; Harold Smith, Florence, 6-0, 180; Mossy Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 6-0, 170; **Kicker** - Dave Wood, Phoenix Washington, 6-4, 220.

SECOND TEAM

Quarterback - Mike Pagel, Phoenix Washington, 6-1, 180; **Running Backs** - David Mitchell, Phoenix St. Mary's, 5-11, 185; Forrest Valora, Phoenix Trevor Browne, 6-1, 215; Don Washington, Agua Fria, 6-0, 190; **Wide Receivers** - Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 6-1, 175; Speedy Hart, Phoenix St. Mary's, 6-1, 180; **Tight End** - Darion Gilbert, Phoenix Union, 6-3, 190; **Line** - Bob Windisch, Casa Grande, 6-3, 215; Keith Sobraski, Scottsdale Coronado, 5-11, 185; Ed Judie, Tempe, 6-2, 220; Bob Kohrs, Phoenix Brophy Prep, 6-2, 205; Brian Murray, Tucson Salpointe, 6-2, 220; Tim Peterson, Ajo, 6-3, 204; Richard Vance, Tempe Marcos de Niza, 6-2, 200; **Center** - Randy Collett, Tempe McClintock, 6-0, 240; **Linebackers** - Marvin Lewis, Tucson, 6-3, 230; Phil Cancik, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-1, 205; Joey Lumpkin, Scottsdale, 6-2, 225; **Deep Backs** - Ray Smith, Flagstaff Coconino, 5-8, 155; Dick Harris, Mesa Westwood, 5-11, 180; Keith Miller, Mesa Mountain View, 5-10, 165; Danny Smith, Safford, 6-2, 195; **Kicker** - Bill Zivic, Tucson Palo Verde, 5-10, 170.

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Halfback Alvin Moore scored 36 touchdowns and rushed for 2,107 yards at Coolidge in 1977. His 234 single season points broke the previous state record (222) set in 1965 by Art Malone of Eloy fame. Moore's 36 touchdowns fell one shy of Malone's 37. Both players later played at Arizona State, with Art spending several years in the National Football League.

Ronnie Bonner lived up to his family name by scoring 47 career touchdowns and 376 points, and rushed for 4,050 yards. He was highly-touted as a young player at Carson Junior High in Mesa, and kept the pace during three varsity seasons at Westwood. He started at fullback as a freshman at Arizona State in the Sun Devils' 1975 opener vs Washington, and scored the first touchdown of the season during a 35-12 rout of the Huskies. Bonner was lost for the season after suf-

fering a knee injury against Colorado State, but ASU went on to finish unbeaten and ranked No. 2 in the nation.

The tight end on this dream team is big Jimmy Moore (6-4, 230) at Marcos de Niza. With Moore in the lineup, the Padres posted an excellent 21-2-1 two-year record. He later played at Ohio State, and was drafted by the NFL Baltimore Colts.

The line is one of the best in Arizona history. Many of these players proved their weight in gold by performing in the college and pro ranks. Bill Crowe was one of the most highly-touted players in the Grand Canyon State. Playing for Karl Kiefer at Tempe McClintock, Crowe seldom experienced defeat. His performance at offensive guard and linebacker against a Danny White-led Westwood team in 1969 was the highlight of his junior season - if not his great prep career. He



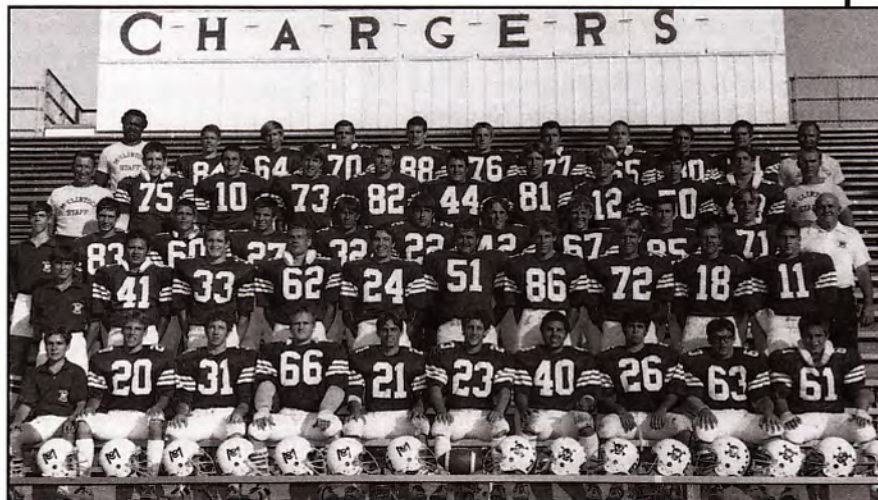
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Ron Washington

Tempe, Arizona McClintock High School

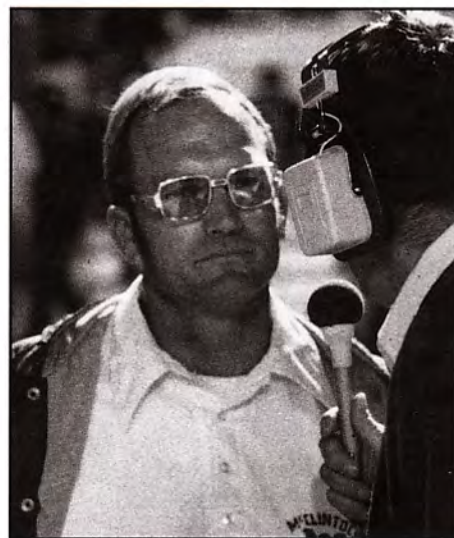
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THIRD TEAM

Quarterback - Jim Krohn, Tucson Amphi, 6-3, 185; **Running Backs** - Allistaire Heartfield, Tucson, 5-9, 175; Jesse Parker, Tucson Rincon, 6-0, 190; Rory Barnett, Phoenix Trevor Browne, 6-1, 210; **Wide Receivers** - Preston Dennard, Tempe Maros de Niza, 6-2, 170; Rick Molina, Tempe, 6-1, 175; **Tight End** - Willie Scroggins, Safford, 6-4, 210; **Line** - Bill Jensen, Mesa, 6-3, 230; Daryl Mueske, Glendale, 6-3, 220; Tom Manno, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-3, 240; Reynaldo Peru, Morenci, 6-5, 230; Jim Cedarstrom Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-4, 200; Eddie Scroggins, Safford, 6-2, 230; Zack DiBrell, Phoenix Union, 6-0, 195; **Center** - Courtney Bossert, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-2, 190; **Linebackers** - Roark Shirley, Tempe Marcos de Niza, 6-3, 190; Steve Endres, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-3, 220; Mark Jacobs, Flowing Wells, 6-0, 190; **Deep Backs** - Carl Russell, McNary, 6-1, 150; Jerry Trotter, Phoenix Union, 5-9, 160; Roy Cooksey, Tucson Pueblo, 5-10, 165; Billy Hatcher, Williams, 5-9, 165; **Kicker** - Frank Garcia, Tucson Salpointe, 5-11, 160.

FOURTH TEAM

Quarterback - Cary Palmer, Mesa, 6-0, 180; **Running Backs** - Mark Simon, Tucson, 6-2, 205; Manuel Jones, Phoenix Union, 6-1, 195; Kelly Langford, Tucson, 6-3, 185; **Wide Receivers** - Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 5-5, 155; Jon Ross, Phoenix Washington, 5-10, 175; **Tight End** - Lonnie Williams, Tucson, 6-1, 185; **Line** - Travis Coleman, Phoenix Union, 6-2, 195; Rob Peterson, Ajo, 6-3, 210; Phil Hedrick, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-4, 230; Greg Hammond, Phoenix Trevor Browne, 6-4, 220; Chris Georges, Phoenix St. Mary's, 5-8, 165; Sisto Rosales, Chandler, 6-1, 220; Doug Kellermeyer, Scottsdale Coronado, 6-1, 250; **Center** - Kevin Swider, Flowing Wells, 6-1, 215; **Linebackers** - Steve Budinger, Tucson Catalina, 6-1, 205; Richard Rucker, Canyon del Oro, 6-3, 195; Todd Shell, Mesa Mountain View, 6-4, 195; **Deep Backs** - Rob Wilson, Scottsdale Coronado, 6-2, 175; David Given, Tempe McClintock, 6-2, 185; Felix Kelson, South Mountain, 6-1, 165; Brian Barge, Phoenix East, 6-0, 165; **Kicker** - Matt McKinney, Scottsdale Saguaro, 5-9, 165.

earned All-America honors during his senior year in 1970. Unfortunately, a serious knee injury suffered in practice during the North-South all-star week in Flagstaff slowed his progress at the University of Texas.

Tucson's Mike Dawson played in only two losing games in four years of high school football. Coached by Ollie Mayfield, Tucson was nationally ranked in both his junior and senior years. Later an All-American at Arizona, today he plays for the NFL St. Louis Cardinals.

Jack Housley at Maryvale, Glen Gresham of Phoenix Union, Jon Abbott from Phoenix Central, Chris Laursen at Gilbert and Tucson's Jinx Johnson all earned All-America recognition in high school. Laursen was a first team All-America selection at Mesa Junior College, while Housley, Gresham and Abbott played at the University of Arizona. Johnson, who was the star of

the Badgers' 1971 state championship win over Tempe, was the most talented of the lot, and the most traveled. At 6-4, 208 pounds, he ran 100 yards in 9.9 seconds and was a two-way performer at end. He attended Mesa Junior College, Colorado and Pittsburgh.

Marty Van Gorder, the state shot put champ (62-feet) from Chandler, is the center. The gifted Chandler alum was selected to *The Football News* All-America freshman team after his first varsity campaign at Arizona State. But like McClintock's Crowe, his college career was cut short by an injury.

During this era, the Arizona high school ranks produced three of the best linebackers in the nation: Phoenix Union's Larry Gordon, Alhambra's Bob Breunig and Tucson Amphi's Ricki Gray. Gordon earned All-America and all-NFL honors at Arizona State and the Miami Dolphins. Breunig, who also played at A-

State, started for the Dallas Cowboys. Gray today is a linebacker at USC.

Two of the decade's most highly-touted running backs earned positions on the decade's second team: St. Mary's David Mitchell, a Notre Dame signee, and Phoenix Trevor Browne's Forrest Valora, an Oklahoma signee. A head injury suffered in college slowed the third member of this talented backfield, Agua Fria's Donnie Washington. It was Washington's great performance against undefeated Safford in the AA finals which helped the upset minded Owls win the 1970 state championship.

So many good players performed in Arizona during the Decade of the Seventies that players like Phoenix Washington quarterback Mike Pagel, Mesa receiver Mickey Hatcher, St. Mary's end Speedy Hart, Tempe linebacker Ed Judie, Brophy Prep lineman Bob Kohrs and Scottsdale linebacker Joey Lumpkin failed to crack the first team. Such players as Mortensen and Moore, Cade and Bonner, Mistler and Washington, Crowe and Dawson, Housley, Gresham, Abbott, Van Gorder, Breunig and Gordon made the Seventies a decade to remember.



Mesa coach Reed Peterson and quarterback Cary Palmer, the state's first 2,000-yard passer.



In 1971, Tucson halfback Kelly Langford, who was blind in one eye, rushed for 1,515 yards, third best in Tucson's proud history. At right, teammate Mike Dawson, a *Parade Magazine* All-American, decks Tempe's Fred Mortensen in wanning seconds of the Class AAA finals in Tucson (Mike Mulvena photo).

Kings of the Decade: Eloy Santa Cruz, Gilbert, McClintock

By Barry Sollenberger

The record speaks for itself. Santa Cruz of Eloy, Gilbert and Tempe McClintock dominated schoolboy football in the Grand Canyon State in the Decade of the '70s. Not far behind was Tucson Amphitheater, and if Mountain View had opened its doors six years earlier, they may have ruled the roost. Pima and St. David dominated the smaller Class C ranks, where schools play 8-man football.

All of the above emerged as the Arizona Interscholastic Association's winningest schools of the decade, according to research compiled by *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine*.

Class A power Santa Cruz, which has produced as many major college players as any larger AAA school, was "Top Dog." The Dust Devils won 82% of their games between 1970-79, compiling an 86-19-0 record. Along the way they played in three different Class A champi-

onship games and won two. Head coaches Lonnie Foster, Jay Denton and Ed Jones roamed the sidelines. Denton and Jones coached state title winners. Foster did too, but his three titles came in the Sixties.

Only Gilbert, which competed in both AA and A, won more games (89) than Santa Cruz. But the Tigers lost 22 games and finished with a .802 winning percentage (see chart). Coached by Jim Wall and Dan Dunn, the Tigers played in six title games in the '70s and won three. Dunn coached all three teams.

McClintock barely edged Tucson Amphi for "big school" honors, going 83-22-1 in 10 years for an excellent .783 winning mark against AAA competition. They won the 1977 state title, produced two high school All-Americans in Ronnie Washington (Arizona State) and Bill Crowe (Texas), and landed 15 additional players on various all-state teams.

Finishing next in line: Round Valley of Springville (.781), Pima (.788), St.

David (.785) and Tucson Flowing Wells (.766). Pima and St. David play 8-man football.

TUCSON SCHOOLS RULE

State championship honors were spread around rather well. Only two AAA schools - Tucson and Tucson Amphi - won multiple state championships. During the '70s the AAA-South Division dominated football in the Grand Canyon State. Schools from Tucson won 75% of regular season and state playoff games against schools from the Phoenix metropolitan area. Overall, five AAA state crowns were worn by schools from the Old Pueblo, three by Central Division schools, and two by Phoenix Union District teams. No school from the Skyline Region has won a state title since St. Mary's turned the trick in 1967 and 1968.

"Ever since I've been in this business I've heard where the strongest (AAA) division in the state is the Central



Willie Scroggins
Safford



Derral Davis
Tucson

Division," says Vern Friedli of defending state champ Tucson Amphitheater. "I'm sure they've had outstanding teams throughout the years, but our record on the field speaks for itself. And we do most of the traveling. Only two state championship games have been played in Tucson in the past 10 years."

Yes, the AAA-South schools own almost all the trophies. Competing against teams from Phoenix in regular season play, Tucson area schools won 14 of 22 regular season games, and 13 of 20 playoff games. And that's comparing Tucson schools against the entire Phoenix metro region, which includes three AAA divisions.

When comparing won-loss results against each AAA region, it's a Southern Division runaway. During the '70s,

coaches and recruiters signed more players from the AAA-South to major college scholarships than any other region.

WINNINGEST COACHES

Some of the winningest coaches during the decade included Pat Lavin at Phoenix St. Mary's (.831), Jay Denton of Eloy Santa Cruz (.808), Karl Kiefer at Tempe McClintock (.776), Dan Dunn of Gilbert (.768), Emil Nasser of Winslow (.759 and 200 wins), Dick Pottle in Safford (.733), Ollie Mayfield at Tucson (.723), Bob Young at Phoenix Maryvale (.722), and Boone Jackson (.703) at Window Rock and Willcox.

Jerry Loper posted a .720 winning percentage at Tucson Amphi and Mesa Westwood, while Ed Doherty has taken his .719 winning mark at St. Mary's to Tucson Salpointe. Jesse Parker, who has won state titles at Phoenix Camelback and Mountain View, has the hottest program going. His .735 winning mark includes 86 wins and 31 losses at both schools, with an amazing .923 mark since 1976 at the new Mesa school. To make the list (see chart) a school has to have played eight years during the past decade. Parker's teams at Mountain View are 36-3-1 in four.

END OF AN ERA

The decade brought to an end the football dynasties at Phoenix Union and Tucson High, two of the most historic high schools in the Southwest. The Badgers from Tucson, the winningest AAA school during the Decade of the Sixties, won back-to-back state crowns in 1970-71. A declining enrollment and unfortunate coaching changes brought a halt to a city school which won 13 state titles and holds the all-time Arizona record of 32 consecutive wins. Since statehood, both schools have each won more than 100 state championships in team sports.

BADGERS BEST

Selecting the top team of the decade was an easy choice. The 1970 Tucson Badgers, coached by Ollie Mayfield, may have been the best ever. They were the fastest, biggest and most talented around. The Big Red Machine produced two **Parade Magazine** All-Americans (linebacker Marvin Lewis/tackle Mike Dawson), went unbeaten in 12 games, averaged 39.6 points per game, rushed for 4,280 yards, passed for 1,038, sent 28 players into the college ranks (from the JCs to major division), and crushed outmanned Sunnyslope 54-16 in the AAA

The '70s Best Teams

Class AAA

- 1) Tucson, 1970 (12-0)
- 2) Tucson, 1971 (11-1)
- 3) McClintock, 1977 (14-0)
- 4) Tucson Palo Verde, 1973 (13-0)
- 5) Mountain View, 1978 (12-1)

Class AA

- 1) Safford, 1971 (11-0)
- 2) Agua Fria, 1970 (9-2)
- 3) Canyon del Oro, 1976 (11-0)
- 4) Gilbert, 1978 (12-1)
- 5) Flagstaff Coconino, 1974 (10-1)

Class A

- 1) Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978 (12-1)
- 2) Gilbert, 1973 (11-0)
- 3) Eloy Santa Cruz, 1979 (13-0)
- 4) Morenci, 1976 (11-1)
- 5) Coolidge, 1977 (10-2)

Class B

- 1) Round Valley, 1970 (12-0)
- 2) Round Valley, 1979 (11-0-1)
- 3) Wickenburg, 1977 (12-0)
- 4) Blue Ridge, 1974 (10-1)
- 5) Hayden, 1972 (10-1)

8-Man

- 1) Pima, 1974 (9-0)
- 2) Pima, 1970 (10-0)
- 3) Fredonia, 1971 (8-0)
- 4) Joseph City, 1978 (11-0)
- 5) Pima, 1973 (8-0)

Winningest Teams of the Decade

.819	Eloy Santa Cruz.....	86-19-0
.802	Gilbert.....	89-22-0
.788	*Pima.....	67-18-1
.785	*St. David.....	73-20-0
.783	Tempe McClintock	83-22-1
.781	Round Valley.....	82-23-0
.779	Tucson Amphi.....	84-24-0
.766	Flowing Wells.....	72-22-5
.743	Phoenix Gerard.....	75-26-2
.738	Phoenix Maryvale	79-28-3
.737	Phoenix Cortez.....	70-25-2
.735	Phoenix Central.....	73-26-3
.729	Phoenix St. Mary's.....	78-29-1
.729	Wickenburg.....	70-26-3
.722	Safford.....	70-27-2
.713	Camelback.....	72-29-4
.701	Wellton Antelope.....	68-29-1
.700	Canyon del Oro.....	70-30-2
.691	Snowflake.....	65-29-2
.689	Coronado.....	71-32-2
.681	South Mountain.....	64-30-2
.680	Flagstaff Coconino.....	66-31-5
.676	Mesa Westwood.....	71-34-1
.663	Saguaro.....	69-35-0

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finals. One player, tackle Mike Dawson, is still playing football, with the St. Louis Cardinals.

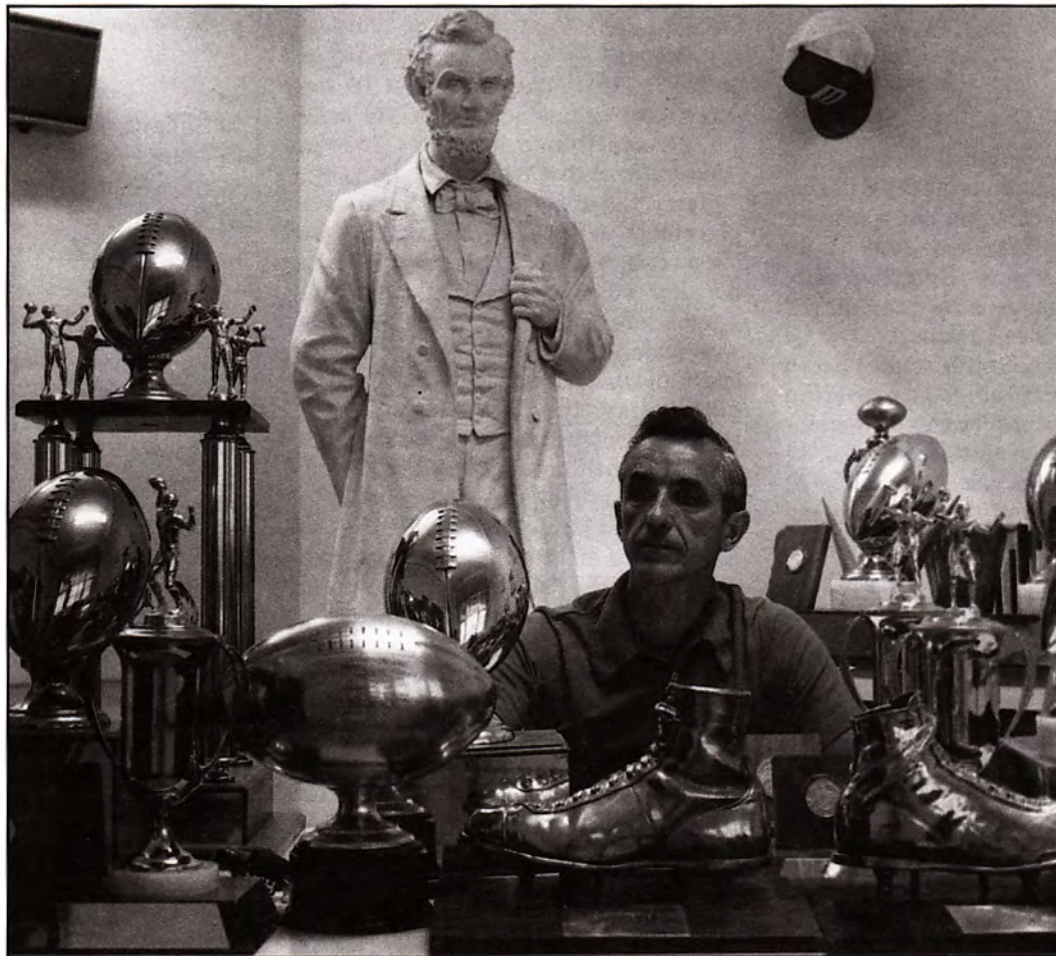
All three of Tucson's "blast backs", Derral Davis, Allistaire Heartfield and Mark Simon, rushed for 1,000-plus yards - a first in Arizona history. After the season, Davis signed with Oklahoma, Heartfield with Arizona and Simon with Wisconsin. Davis, a state sprint, low hurdle and long jump champ, was one of five finalist for the National High School Athlete of the Year award.

In the AAA semifinals, Tucson outscored unbeaten Westwood 39-34 in one of the most electrifying playoff games in Arizona history. The game was played at the University of Arizona. In Tempe, Sunnyslope, the season's cinderella club, knocked off Phoenix Union



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Phoenix Union's Dwight McCrayton jumps for joy after teammate Larry Gordon scores during 1971 Phoenix Division championship game. Coyotes clobbered No. 1-rated Maryvale 42-20.

21-20 in one of the state's all-time great upsets.

Bill Buck, head coach at Sunnyslope, told the *Phoenix Gazette* prior to the finals: "I honestly mean this when I say Tucson is the best high school team I've ever seen on film. If they beat us they'd be a champion Arizona could be proud of. One that could do any high school in the United States justice."

Tucson sports writer Ed Jordan, who had been reporting Badger games since 1959, rated Tucson's 1970 team better than the state champs of 1965 or 1966, who were coached by John Mallamo. Jordan felt that Davis, Heartfield and Simon gave Tucson its best trio of running backs ever.

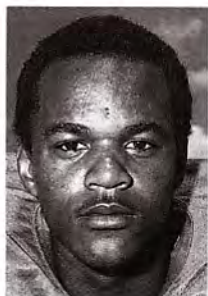
"The thing that makes Tucson so good is simplicity," said Jordan, who died in 1979. "They have used virtually the same offense (T-formation) since World War II. Little kids from ages eight to 10 who hang around Tucson's practice field see themselves running that offense

10 years later. Varsity players often put clinics on at nearby schools. And it's a great tribute to Ollie Mayfield that they've never had any real racial trouble."

Yes, it will be the Badgers of 1970 that state championship teams past and present will be compared to. A team which beat a strong Palo Verde club 28-20 for the league crown, and Tucson Salpointe 41-20 in the AAA-South title game. Their classic semifinal win over Westwood, picked as the National High School Game of the Year by the *National Sports News Service* in Minneapolis, will go down as one of the great playoff games in Arizona history.

But there have been lots of outstanding teams, players and games during the just-completed decade; teams which have sent players into the college ranks, games which have kept the avid fans buzzing for weeks, and athletes who have become living legends as teenagers.

Not every good team wins the state title. It sometimes takes a lot of luck. The decade, as always, was full of upsets. Two great Phoenix Union teams in 1970-71 finished 11-1 and 9-2-1 respectively, but failed to reach the state finals. Each team was eliminated in the semifinals. They may have been the state's two most talented teams during the Decade of the Seventies. Each of these teams sent 10 players into the college ranks to play football or basketball. Several made it in the pros. Yes, it was a great decade in Arizona schoolboy football. One of the best ever.



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The Decade's Best Games

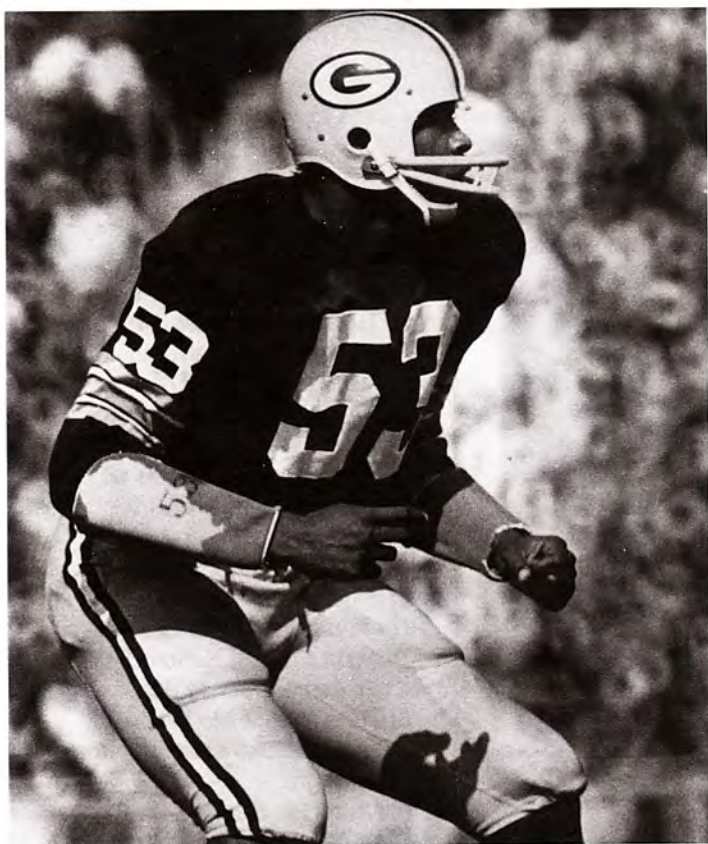
- 1) Tucson 39, Westwood 34, 1970 AAA semifinals at University of Arizona.
- 2) Tucson 20, Tempe 14, 1971 AAA title game at University of Arizona.
- 3) Santa Cruz 40, Willcox 38, 1978 Class A finals in Tucson.
- 4) St. Mary's 28, Marcos de Niza 14, 1974 AAA semis at ASU.
- 5) Tucson 20, Phoenix Union 14, 1971 semifinals in Tucson.
- 6) Palo Verde 22, Camelback 20, 1974 finals at Arizona State.
- 7) Agua Fria 48, Safford 26, 1970 AA title game at Mesa JC.
- 8) Tucson 28, Palo Verde 20, 1970 AAA regular season game at Tucson High.
- 9) Miami 22, Santa Cruz 21, 1972 Class A finals at Westwood.
- 10) Salpointe 42, Palo Verde 36, 1971 regular season game in overtime.

The Decade's Biggest Upsets

- 1) Sunnyslope 21, Phoenix Union 20, 1970 AAA semifinals at Arizona State University.
- 2) St. Mary's 6, Phoenix Union 6 1971 regular season game.
- 3) Salpointe 18, Tucson 13, 1971 regular season game at Tucson High.

Best Teams Not To Win State Titles

- 1) Phoenix Union, 1970 (11-1)
- 2) Marcos de Niza, 1974 (10-1-1)
- 3) Tucson Salpointe, 1971 (9-1)
- 4) St. Mary's, 1974 (12-1)
- 5) Tempe, 1971 (11-2)
- 6) Phoenix Union, 1971 (9-2-1)
- 7) Mesa, 1973 (10-2)
- 8) Maryvale, 1975 (12-1)
- 9) Camelback, 1973 (11-2)
- 10) Safford, 1970 (11-1)



From Texas to California to Ohio, no state produced better linebackers than Phoenix Union's Fred Carr (left) and Larry Gordon, arguably two of the best in Arizona high school history.

Arizona's Best: Culp, Carr & Gordon

By **BARRY SOLLENBERGER**

It was quite a group, that Class of 1964. When May graduation sent them off to the college ranks, little did anybody know the impact they would have on the college and pro football scene. Not to mention their place in Arizona high school history.

Seven months earlier, during the '63 football campaign, this talented group, one of the best in Arizona history, was the cream of the crop. From the first game in September to the playoffs in November, players like Yuma guard Curley Culp (ASU), South Mountain end Bob Wallace (Texas Western), Agua Fria guard Bill Lueck (Arizona), Phoenix Union linebacker Fred Carr (Texas Western), Agua Fria quarterback Rusty Tillman (NAU), and Chandler safety Gordon Rule (Dartmouth), to list a few, graduated in May of 1964. Four years later they were in the NFL.

Overall, eight different players from the Class of '64 ended up on NFL teams, the most ever from the Arizona high prep ranks in one season. One decade later,

Wallace, Lueck, Carr, Tillman and Culp were still in the pros (see chart).

"It is doubtful that any state in the country, with a similar population as Arizona, produced as many talented football players and teams as the Grand Canyon State did during the the '60s," wrote Art Johlfs of the *National Sports News Service* in Minneapolis. And to no surprise, many are still playing in the National Football League.

Six years out of high school, Culp, both a state and NCAA heavyweight wrestling champion, was a starting defensive lineman for the AFL champion Kansas City Chiefs, who beat Minnesota 23-7 in Super Bowl IV. In the annals of Arizona football, it will be hard to find a better lineman than Culp. In 1962, while a junior at Yuma High, Culp was involved in one of the state's great upsets, when he and his teammates beat eventual state champ Scottsdale Arcadia 12-8 in the last regular season game of the year.

Then there's Carr, the former three-sport star from Phoenix Union. While at PU Carr, younger brother of former A-State great Al Carr, earned all-state

recognition at end, was outstanding in basketball, and competed in the weight events in track. Because of academic reasons, Carr did not play football his senior year.

But later at Phoenix College, Carr and South Mountain all-stater Bob Wallace, later an end with the Chicago Bears, were key reasons the Phoenix school crushed Oklahoma Military Academy 41-13 in the National Junior College Shrine Bowl in Savannah, Georgia. Carr and Wallace, who scored on a 62-yard punt return, formed what may have been the finest stable of ends in junior college football.

One year later Carr was a starting linebacker at Texas Western, and Wallace was a split end. In fact, during the 1968 NFL draft, Green Bay's first two picks were Arizona products, Carr and Agua Fria's Bill Lueck. Before graduation Carr was selected MVP of the 1967 Sun Bowl, when the Miners upset Mississippi 14-7. Before he knew it he was a first round pick of the Green Bay Packers, where he terrorized NFL foes from 1968 to 1977. He was a three-time all-NFL pick, and the Pro Bowl's MVP in 1975.



Bill Lueck
Agua Fria



Curley Culp
Yuma

For whatever reason, the Grand Canyon State is one of the leading suppliers of college and pro linebackers. Just ask the college and NFL recruiters. It's hard to imagine any state producing any better, including California or Texas. During the '70s, from out of the Arizona high school ranks, came Carr, Phoenix Union's Larry Gordon, Alhambra's Bob Breunig, Tucson Palo Verde's Mark Arneson and Agua Fria's Rusty Tillman, to list just a few. Ironically, Tillman was a quarterback in high school.

Gordon, who was rated by his high school coach Bill Saunders as better than Carr, was a first-team all-state selection for a great Phoenix Union club, and a forward on the Coyotes' basketball team. At Arizona State he earned All-America honors, was selected MVP of the 1975 Fiesta Bowl, and was picked in the first round of the NFL draft by the Miami Dolphins.

Breunig, who played in the same league as Gordon at Alhambra High, followed the Phoenix Union great to Arizona State, but ended up with the Dallas Cowboys. Arneson, the pride of Arizona, finished his college career with the Wildcats and joined the St. Louis Cardinals.

If you want to build a solid college football team around a good quarterback, you couldn't go wrong with Westwood's Danny White, now of the Dallas Cowboys. At Westwood, under coach Dave Gates, White called signals in 1969 for the state's highest scoring club, a 9-1 unit which was knocked out of the playoffs by Tempe McClintock. In 10 games, the Warriors slick quarterback passed for 1,365 yards and 11 touchdowns. While at Westwood he earned all-state recognition in basketball and baseball, and was the school's first 23-foot long jumper. At Arizona State, White led the Sun Devils to three consecutive Fiesta Bowl wins, and set career records for passing yards (6,717) and touchdown passes (64).

Besides White, the most successful Arizona quarterback after high school

graduation is Kenny Johnson, Arcadia's pride and joy. Heavily recruited, Johnson chose the University of Colorado, where he started for two years and led the Buffaloes to the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston and the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville. With Johnson at the helm, Colorado finished the 1971 campaign ranked No. 3 in the nation, behind Nebraska and Oklahoma. After a short stint with NFL Buffalo, he has spent the last two years in the CFL, quarterbacking the Calgary Stampeders.

Is there a better brother act than Art and Ben Malone? Not since the famed

Mulleneaux family of Phoenix Union fame (Carl, Cecil & Lee), have brothers gone on to NFL careers like the Malones. Besides the Malones, small schools like Globe (Cephus Weatherspoon), Buckeye (Wayne Clark), Marana (Paul Robinson & Sonny Campbell), Benson (Mitch Hoopes), San Manuel (Rex Mirich) and Springerville (Mark Gastineau) sent more than their share into NFL circles. Gastineau, a relatively unknown at Round Valley and in college (East Central Oklahoma), made a big impact last year as a defensive lineman with the New York Jets.

Arizona Pro Parade

The 38 former Arizona schoolboy products on active NFL rosters during the Decade of the 70's, the high schools they came from, colleges they attended and pro teams:

OFFENSE:

Pos	Player / High School / College	Pro Team
QB	Danny White, Mesa Westwood (Arizona State)	Dallas Cowboys
QB	Bill Demory, Phoenix Cortez (Arizona)	New York Jets
QB	Kenny Johnson, Scottsdale Arcadia (Colorado)	Buffalo Bills
QB	Dan Manucci, Tempe McClintock (Kansas State)	Buffalo Bills
QB	Fred Mortensen, Tempe Union (Arizona State)	Washington Redskins
QB	Wayne Clark, Buckeye (U.S. International)	San Diego Chargers
RB	Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz (Arizona State)	Atlanta Falcons
RB	Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz (Arizona State)	Miami Dolphins
RB	Andy Livingston, Mesa (Phoenix College)	Chicago Bears
RB	Paul Robinson, Marana (Arizona)	Cincinnati Bengals
RB	Sonny Campbell, Marana (Northern Arizona)	Atlanta Falcons
WR	Calvin Demery, South Mountain (Arizona State)	Minnesota Vikings
WR	Bob Wallace, South Mountain (Texas Western)	Chicago Bears
WR	Preston Dennard, Marcos de Niza (New Mexico)	Los Angeles Rams
WR	Leonard Thompson, Tucson Pueblo (Oklahoma State)	Detroit Lions
WR	Ron Jessie, Yuma Union (Kansas)	Los Angeles Rams
WR	Cephus Weatherspoon, Globe (Ft. Lewis College)	New Orleans Saints
OL	Bill Lueck, Agua Fria (Arizona)	Green Packers
OL	Donnie Hickman, Flagstaff (USC)	Washington Redskins
OL	Carl Johnson, South Mountain (Nebraska)	New Orleans Saints
OL	Jim Arneson, Tucson Palo Verde (Arizona)	Dallas Cowboys
K	Mitch Hoopes, Benson (Arizona)	Dallas Cowboys
K	Jim McCain, Phoenix North (Arizona State)	San Francisco 49ers

DEFENSE:

LB	Bob Breunig, Phoenix Alhambra (Arizona State)	Dallas Cowboys
LB	Fred Carr, Phoenix Union (Texas Western)	Green Bay Packers
LB	Larry Gordon, Phoenix Union (Arizona State)	Miami Dolphins
LB	Mark Arneson, Tucson Palo Verde (Arizona)	St. Louis Cardinals
LB	Rusty Tillman, Agua Fria (Northern Arizona)	Washington Redskins
LB	Randy McClanahan, Moon Valley (SW Louisiana)	Oakland Raiders
DL	Curley Culp, Yuma Union (Arizona State)	Kansas City Chiefs
DL	Mike Dawson, Tucson (Arizona)	St. Louis Cardinals
DL	Mark Gastineau, Round Valley (East Central Oklahoma)	New York Jets
DL	Bill McKinley, Tucson Pueblo (Arizona)	Buffalo Bills
DL	Lynn Larson, Phoenix Alhambra (Kansas State)	Baltimore Colts
DL	Bob Crum, Sunnyslope (Arizona)	St. Louis Cardinals
DL	Rex Mirich, San Manuel (Northern Arizona)	New England Patriots
DB	Larry Willis, South Mountain (Texas Western)	Washington Redskins
DB	Greg Boyd, Scottsdale Saguaro (Arizona)	New England Patriots

SOURCE: National Football League



David Mitchell
St. Mary's

ALL-TIME PHOENIX METRO FOOTBALL RECORDS

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Mickey Hatcher
Mesa

TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)

- 6.....Cotton Reiman, Phoenix Union, 1928
- 6.....Art Halbrook, Glendale, 1936
- 6.....Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952 (so)
- 6.....Phil Smith, Cortez, 1967
- 5.....Charles Gilliland, Phoenix Union, 1920
- 5.....Ned Newell, Phoenix Union, 1920
- 5.....Joe Heard, Mesa, 1921
- 5.....Vernon Clare, Gilbert, 1933
- 5.....Roger Hightower, Peoria, 1934
- 5.....Johnny Hughes, Brophy Prep, 1934
- 5.....Pat Higgins, St. Mary's, 1940
- 5.....Johnny Graham, Mesa, 1942
- 5.....Duane Parrish, Chandler, 1948
- 5.....Marvin Williams, Tempe, 1949
- 5.....Louis Sims, Buckeye, 1949
- 5.....Herbert Montoya, Peoria, 1951
- 5.....LaFayette Winrow, Carver, 1952 (jr)
- 5.....Kenny Aycock, North, 1953
- 5.....Gloyes Lemons, Buckeye, 1954 (jr)
- 5.....Mike Tiffany, St. Mary's, 1956
- 5.....Ted Newman, North, 1956
- 5.....Richard Molina, Mesa, 1957
- 5.....Andy Livingston, Mesa, 1961
- 5.....Nick Koory, Glendale, 1963
- 5.....Chuck Bishop, Judson, 1964
- 5.....Dwight Bennett, Glendale, 1966
- 5.....Eddie Nicholls, Gilbert, 1966
- 5.....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1966 (jr)
- 5.....Dan White, West, 1967
- 5.....Art Lopez, Peoria, 1971
- 5.....Kent Roberts, East, 1974
- 5.....Andy Arredondo, McClintock, 1976
- 5.....David Hinds, McClintock, 1977

TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)

- 29.....Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
- 27.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956 (so)
- 26.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
- 25.....Quinton Gregory, Arcadia, 1960
- 25.....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967
- 23.....Conrad Flippen, Phoenix Union, 1930
- 22.....Ripper Pitts, Glendale, 1935
- 22.....George Greathouse, PUHS, 1954 (jr)
- 22.....Gloyes Lemons, Buckeye, 1954 (jr)
- 22.....David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)

TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)

- 63.....George Greathouse, Carver/
Phoenix Union, 1952-55

- 61.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
- 60.....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
- 52.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
- 47.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
- 46.....Lowell McDonald, Glendale, 1941-44
- 43.....LaFayette Winrow, Carver, 1950-53
- 41.....Ronnie Rainey, Buckeye, 1948-51

POINTS (GAME)

- 36.....Cotton Reiman, Phoenix Union, 1928
- 36.....Art Halbrook, Glendale, 1936
- 36.....Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952 (so)
- 36.....Phil Smith, Cortez, 1967
- 35.....Joe Heard, Phoenix Union, 1921
- 34.....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1966 (jr)

POINTS (SEASON)

- 181.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
- 174.....Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
- 165.....Larry Tate, Peoria, 1965
- 162.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956 (so)
- 157.....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967
- 150.....Quinton Gregory, Arcadia, 1960
- 148.....Conrad Flippen, Phoenix Union, 1930
- 144.....Ed Hartman, Cortez, 1969
- 144.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1973 (jr)
- 141.....Roger Hightower, Peoria, 1934
- 141.....Mike Tiffany, St. Mary's, 1956

POINTS (CAREER)

- 383.....George Greathouse, Carver/
Phoenix Union, 1952-55
- 378.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
- 376.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
- 368.....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1963-67
- 353.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)

- 344.....Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope, 1970
- 339.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972 (so)
- 327.....Jim McQuinn, Central, 1976
- 314.....Vai Sikahema, Mesa, 1978 (jr)
- 307.....Chuck Bishop, Judson, 1964
- 306.....Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952 (so)
- 304.....Tony Marquez, Apache Jct., 1971
- 303.....Conrad Flippen, Phoenix Union, 1930
- 300.....Cotton Reiman, Phoenix Union, 1928

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)

- 1,991.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946

- 1,927.....Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
- 1,913.....David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
- 1,720.....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967
- 1,567.....George Greathouse, PUHS, 1954 (jr)
- 1,552.....Mike Knudsen, Gerard, 1978
- 1,515.....Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1976
- 1,497.....Manuel Jones, Phoenix Union, 1971

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)

- 4,551.....George Greathouse, Carver/
Phoenix Union, 1952-55
- 4,417.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
- 4,307.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
- 4,050.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
- 3,632.....David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1973-75
- 3,520.....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
- 3,445.....Don Washington, Agua Fria, 1969-71
- 3,257.....Gus Armstrong, St. Mary's, 1975-77
- 3,086.....Bobby Tarwater, Chandler, 1946-49
- 3,008.....Bob Soza, Westwood, 1964-66

CARRIES (GAME)

- 44.....Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
- 43.....Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
- 40.....Craig Amack, Tempe, 1974
- 39.....Gus Armstrong, St. Mary's, 1976 (jr)
- 38.....Irby Cain, North, 1961
- 37.....Steve Romero, Mesa, 1970
- 37.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1973 (jr)
- 37.....Gus Armstrong, St. Mary's, 1975 (so)
- 35.....Don Graf, Glendale, 1969
- 35.....Don Graf, Glendale, 1969

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)

- 12.6.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955 (fr)
- 12.5.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1957 (jr)
- 12.3.....Rick Kelton, Gilbert, 1974
- 12.0.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956 (so)
- 11.9.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1958
- 10.8.....Wayne Weigold, Buckeye, 1952
- 10.8.....Jerry Lamb, Chandler, 1955 (jr)
- 10.7.....Moose Rollins, Arcadia, 1962
- 10.0.....Earliest Nelson, South Mtn., 1963

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

- 99.....Sammy Johnson, Mesa, 1952
- 99.....Craig Ponczak, Gerard, 1964
- 99.....Wayne Jones, Dysart, 1972
- 98.....Marvin Davis, Tempe, 1950
- 98.....Jim Rawlins, Tempe, 1950



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In 1974, St. Mary's David Mitchell rushed for 1,913 yards and scored 22 touchdowns.

98.....Danny Arredondo, Tempe, 1952
 97.....Kenny Rivers, Tempe, 1955
 97.....Warren Livingston, Mesa, 1956
 97.....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1966 (jr)
 97.....Larry Hemphill, Westwood, 1969
 97.....David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1973
 97.....John Rosales, Chandler, 1977

PASSING YARDS (GAME)

404.....Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
 385.....Rick Savale, Arcadia, 1966
 380.....Bob Pitre, Arcadia, 1975
 351.....Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
 351.....Kerry Kersting, Alhambra, 1978
 342.....Don Hibbard, Gilbert, 1977
 338.....Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1974
 325.....Gilbert Martinez, Chandler, 1958
 309.....Stan Andrews, McClintock, 1969

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)

2,011....Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1974
 1,984....Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973 (jr)
 1,947....Kevin Smith, Saguaro, 1978 (jr)
 1,892....Greg Hubbell, Central, 1972
 1,822....Bob Pitre, Arcadia, 1975
 1,816....Rick Holman, Mesa, 1972
 1,793....Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
 1,750....Mike Pagel, Washington, 1977
 1,712....Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969 (so)

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)

4,007....Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1969-71
 3,995....Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973-74

3,597....Tommy Campbell, Seton, 1967-69
 3,597....Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
 2,926....Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1966-68

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)

7.....Tommy Scott, Gilbert, 1926
 6.....Duncan Brown, Mesa, 1924 (jr)
 6.....Charlie Beal, Mesa, 1943
 6.....Gary Carpenter, North, 1968
 5.....Gilbert Martinez, Chandler, 1958
 5.....Ted Blake, Sunnyslope, 1965
 5.....Pete Harter, Chandler, 1965
 5.....Randy Holmes, Peoria, 1968
 5.....Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
 5.....Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
 5.....Greg Hubbell, Central, 1971 (jr)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)

24.....Chris Calcagno, Gerard, 1974
 23.....Greg Hubbell, Central, 1972
 22.....Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1967 (jr)
 22.....Chris Skelly, St. Mary's, 1974
 21.....Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969 (so)
 20.....Bill Burrola, Moon Valley, 1975
 20.....Don Hibbard, Gilbert, 1977

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)

45.....Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
 40.....Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1966-68
 37.....Chris Calcagno, Gerard, 1972-74
 36.....Horace Griffen, Mesa, 1936-38
 36.....Tommy Campbell, Seton, 1967-69
 31.....Rusty Tillman, Agua Fria, 1961-63

31.....Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973-74

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

99.....Frank Zellner to Gloyes Lemons,
Buckeye, 1955
 99.....Doug Stittler to Curt Reiman,
Brophy Prep, 1978
 98.....Ken Butler to Ralph Flores,
Sunnyslope, 1960
 98.....Ray Garcia to Alfonso Curry,
Tolleson, 1974
 97.....Al Eliserio to Al Dossie,
Phoenix Union, 1976
 95.....Cary Palmer to Mickey Hatcher,
Mesa, 1973

RECEPTIONS (GAME)

16.....Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 12.....Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1978
 11.....Mike Gonzales, Tempe, 1973
 11.....Dale Lyons, Arcadia, 1974
 10.....Mike Cosgrove, Bourgade, 1968
 10.....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1975

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

60.....Bill Sorcineli, Camelback, 1964
 58.....Ed Flores, Arcadia, 1976
 57.....Greg Anderson, St. Mary's, 1967
 57.....Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 56.....Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
 54.....Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
 53.....Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 53.....Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
 53.....Keith Miller, Mountain View, 1978
 48.....Bill Eden, St. Mary's, 1969

RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

119.....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
 90.....Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1964-66
 87.....Nick Ortega, McClintock, 1967-69
 85.....Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1977-78
 82.....Rick Molina, Tempe, 1970-71
 78.....Ron Washington, McClintock, 1973-75

RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)

296.....Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
 234.....Muri Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 226.....Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
 225.....Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
 208.....Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 206.....Ron Turner, North, 1968
 203.....Nick Ortega, McClintock, 1969
 201.....Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1978

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)

1,226....Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 1,090....Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
 1,038....Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
 997....Keith Miller, Mountain View, 1978
 986....Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 934....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
 906....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1975

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)

2,172....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75



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- 1,488....Rick Molina, Tempe, 1970-71
 1,466....Ron Washington, McC., 1973-75
 1,403....Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1977-78
 1,298....Nick Ortega, McClintock, 1967-69
 1,291....Jesus Tirado, MDN, 1972-74
 1,282....Bill Eden, St. Mary's, 1968-69

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)

- 5.....Dwight Bennett, Glendale, 1966
 4.....Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 4.....Merrill Brookings, Gilbert, 1926
 4.....Cecil Crouch, Mesa, 1943
 4.....Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1961 (jr)
 4.....Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
 4.....Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 4.....Dan White, West, 1967
 4.....Dick Harris, Westwood, 1969 (jr)
 4.....Jesus Tirado, Marcos de Niza, 1974
 4.....John Palumbo, Buckeye, 1975

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

- 14.....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
 14.....Dewey Horton, Gilbert, 1977
 13.....Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 13.....Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 13.....Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
 13.....Mike Baker, Gerard Catholic, 1974
 12.....Marvin Scott, Mesa, 1945
 12.....Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 11.....Norris Enloe, Mesa, 1937
 11.....Dwight Bennett, Glendale, 1966
 11.....Bo Wixted, Cortez, 1969

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

- 29.....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
 20.....Charles Christopher, Carver, 1950-53

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)

- 5.....Conrad Flippen, Phoenix Union, 1930
 5.....Dick Gwinn, Judson, 1964
 4.....Ned Newell, Mesa, 1921
 4.....Albert Guthrie, Mesa, 1921
 4.....Bill Woodbridge, Phoenix Union, 1927
 4.....Seth Williams, Glendale, 1958
 4.....Jack Meck, Buckeye, 1958
 4.....Craig Cardon, Mesa, 1966
 4.....Ralph Quintero, Gilbert, 1966
 4.....Pat Farrell, St. Mary's, 1969
 4.....Dick Harris, Westwood, 1970
 4.....Mark Oligschlaeger, Bourgade, 1972
 4.....Bret Baker, Saguaro, 1974 (jr)

INTERCEPTIONS (SEASON)

- 15.....Mike Vere, Bourgade, 1972
 14.....Andy Zwingle, Peoria, 1979
 14.....Mickey Bell, Cactus, 1979 (jr)
 12.....Phil Havens, North, 1962
 12.....Bill Diple, Arcadia, 1965 (jr)
 11.....Todd Nielson, Marcos de Niza, 1973
 11.....Jeff Taylor, Central, 1975
 10.....Ron Henry, Buckeye, 1953
 10.....Gordon Rule, Chandler, 1963
 10.....Dick Harris, Westwood, 1969 (jr)
 10.....Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, 1975
 10.....Matt Palacio, McClintock, 1977



Bret Baker
Saguaro



Lee Pistor
Central

- 10.....Gerry McClelland, Westwood, 1978
 10.....Ron Rutledge, Gilbert, 1978

INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)

- 20.....Keith Miller, Mountain View, 1977-78
 19.....Bill Diple, Arcadia, 1965-66
 17.....Dick Harris, Westwood, 1968-70

LONGEST RETURN (INTERCEPTION)

- 102.....Quincy Fowler, St. Mary's, 1941
 102.....Elby Bushong, Washington, 1961
 100.....Benny Garcia, Agua Fria, 1962
 100.....Mike Smith, Phoenix Christian, 1962
 100.....David Given, McClintock, 1975

FIELD GOALS (GAME)

- 4.....Lawrence Bever, Phoenix Union, 1925
 3.....Luis Vega, West, 1966 (jr)
 3.....Luis Vega, West, 1967
 3.....Monte Varah, Saguaro, 1974 (jr)
 3.....Rob Bell, Tempe, 1976 (jr)
 3.....Steve Miller, St. Mary's, 1976
 3.....Rob Bell, Tempe, 1977
 3.....Brad Stewart, Agua Fria, 1977
 3.....Matt Maddux, Tolleson, 1979
 3.....John Knight, Apollo, 1979 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)

- 11.....Matt McKinney, Saguaro, 1978
 9.....Rick Romero, Gilbert, 1975
 9.....Dave Wood, Washington, 1978 (jr)
 8.....Monte Varah, Saguaro, 1975
 8.....Chubby Granado, Gilbert, 1976
 8.....Rob Bell, Tempe, 1976 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)

- 22.....Dave Wood, Washington, 1976-79
 15.....Monte Varah, Saguaro, 1973-75

LONGEST FIELD GOAL

- 54.....Bob Facio, Gerard Catholic, 1977
 52.....Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
 52.....Ben Moreno, North, 1977
 52.....David Ohton, Alhambra, 1977
 51.....Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
 50.....Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
 50.....Dave Wood, Washington, 1977 (so)
 50.....Lee Penick, West, 1977
 48.....Tom Coleman, Cortez, 1973
 47.....Luis Vega, West, 1967

- 47.....Bob Richey, St. Mary's, 1968
 47.....Rob Bell, Tempe, 1976 (jr)
 47.....Brad Pico, Mountain View, 1978

PATS (GAME)

- 11.....Ed Brooks, Phoenix Union, 1914
 10.....Danny White, Westwood, 1969

PATS (SEASON)

- 52.....Frank Coen, McClintock, 1979 (jr)
 46.....Tony McClure, McClintock, 1977
 44.....Bobby Ramirez, McClintock, 1968
 43.....Raul Chavez, St. Mary's, 1969
 42.....Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
 42.....Oscar Ramirez, Marcos de Niza, 1973
 42.....Nick Petrucci, Camelback, 1973
 40.....David Mendez, Westwood, 1970

PATS (CAREER)

- 88.....Tony McClure, McClintock, 1976-77
 80.....Lee Pistor, Central, 1972-73
 74.....Nick Petrucci, Camelback, 1971-73
 71.....Matt Maddux, Tolleson, 1978-79
 67.....Raul Chavez, St. Mary's, 1967-69

PUNTING AVERAGE (SEASON)

- 47.5.....Jess Skousen, Mesa, 1922
 47.0.....Jim McCann, North, 1965
 46.6.....Reno Galassi, Brophy Prep, 1930 (jr)
 45.9.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945 (jr)
 45.7.....Kevin Rutledge, Gilbert, 1976
 44.6.....Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's, 1971
 44.0.....Dennis Goettl, Central, 1973
 43.8.....Jeff Nelson, Tempe, 1979
 43.6.....Marty Shuford, Saguaro, 1967

LONGEST PUNT

- 99.....Walter Williams, Mesa, 1925
 84.....John Durson, Arcadia, 1976
 80.....Justin Goebel, Phoenix Union, 1910
 77.....Doug Pasanella, Paradise Valley, '78
 75.....Oscar Reynolds, St. Mary's, 1939
 75.....John Parker, Buckeye, 1939
 75.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945 (jr)
 75.....Dennis Goettl, Central, 1973
 74.....Jim Parrish, Chandler, 1951
 74.....Dennis Goettl, Central, 1973
 73.....Bob Peterson, Mesa, 1942
 72.....Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's, 1971
 70.....Bob Peterson, Mesa, 1942
 70.....John Garrison, Agua Fria, 1960
 70.....Marty Shuford, Saguaro, 1967

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TD)

- 102.....Brackston Whitaker, Glendale, 1939
 100.....Tom Ribaud, East, 1967
 97.....Ron Phifer, Camelback, 1955
 96.....Larry Royse, Tempe, 1956

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (TD)

- 100.....Harold Provo, Brophy Prep, 1931
 99.....Lavell Blackburn, Mesa, 1926
 99.....Major Farris, Carl Hayden, 1976
 99.....Alec Austin, Shadow Mountain, 1976
 99.....Freddie Sanchez, Peoria, 1979



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